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Esty Dynasty Achieves Important Roles in Society

by Shirley Drury Patterson

In the history of the Towne family are found many outstanding individuals who lived extraordinary lives. We find a father, son, and grandson – Reverend Isaac⁷ Esty, Professor William Cole⁸ Esty, and Judge Edward Tuckerman⁹ Esty – who all attained superior educations from the best universities and contributed much to their communities. Isaac's grandmother, Abigail Davenport Esty, widow of Steward Esty, moved about 1791, with her seven children, to Westmoreland, Cheshire, New Hampshire from Sutton, Worcester, Massachusetts. Isaac and William were born at Westmoreland.

(Towne lineage: William¹, Mary² Towne m. Isaac² Esty, Joseph³, Edward⁴, Steward⁵, David⁶, Isaac⁷, William C.⁸, Edward T.⁹ Esty)

David⁶ Esty was born 11 Sep 1766 at Stoughton, Norfolk, Massachusetts, to **Steward Esty** and wife **Abigail Davenport**, married at Uxbridge, Worcester, Massachusetts on 13 Mar 1753 (Uxbridge VR p. 240). He married at Sutton on 26 Jun 1794 to his cousin **Mary "Mercy" Hicks**, daughter of Zachariah and Elizabeth (Davenport) Hicks. David bought a hillside farm at Westmoreland, and his dairy of 30 cows was one of the largest and most successful in that area (Westmoreland History Committee, *History of Westmoreland*, 1976, p. 410, hereafter Westmoreland). They had two children, Isaac and Clarissa.

Isaac⁷ Esty, born 24 Apr 1796, graduated from Yale University in 1821 and Andover Theological Seminary in 1824. He married 11 Feb 1829 to **Anna "Nancy" Goldsmith Cole**, daughter of Asa and Anna (Goldsmith) Cole. (*Westmoreland*, p. 410). Reverend Esty was called a brilliant theologian and preached in Bethlehem, Grafton, New Hampshire; Cape Elizabeth, Maine; and Amherst, Hampshire, Massachusetts, as a Congregational Minister. The 1870 Amherst census reveals that he was then a retired clergyman and was age 74 and wife, Nancy G. was 68. They had two children, William Cole Esty and Henry F. Esty.

William Cole⁸ Esty had a long and successful career as a professor of mathematics and astronomy. He was born at Westmoreland on 8 April 1838. William prepared at Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire, studied at Harvard University under Professor Benjamin Pierce, 1860-61, and

received a B. A. from Amherst College 1860; M.A., 1863, LL.D. in 1888. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Upsilon. He taught mathematics at Salem High School, 1861-62, instructor in mathematics and astronomy at Amherst, 1862-65; professor of mathematics and astronomy, Amherst, 1865-1905; professor emeritus, 1905-1916 (Amherst.edu/).

William married on 18 July 1867 to **Martha A.**, daughter of Thomas Cushing and wife, Martha Ann Cargill of Boston. They had four sons: William C., Thomas C., Edward T., and Robert P. Esty. They all graduated from Amherst College. William, Sr. died 27 July 1916 at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Edward Tuckerman⁹ Esty was born at Amherst on 30 August 1875. He received a B.A. and then a M.A. from Amherst College in 1897, and an LL.B. from Harvard in 1901. Was member of Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Upsilon.

He married on 1 March 1919 to **Grace**, daughter of Charles H. Heward of Potsdam, New York. They had one daughter, Martha C. Esty.

He prepared at Amherst High School; Walker instructor in mathematics at Amherst College, 1897-98; at Harvard, 1898-1901. Was with firm of Hammond & Field, Northampton, 1901-2; member of firm Hopkins & Esty, Worcester, 1902-07; Vaughan, Esty & Clark, Worcester 1907-. Was special justice Central District Court of Worcester County, 1904-10; assistant district attorney, 1911-16; district attorney, 1917-. Was member of Worcester common council 1906-11; president 1910-11 and member of Legal Advisory Board Worcester during WWI (www.amherst.edu/)



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Shirley Drury Patterson, TFA President

Because of matters beyond my control, you are probably receiving this newsletter after the annual meeting at New Haven. My 94-year old mother, Muriel Avis (Sheaffer) Drury died on August 9th in Berthoud, Colorado. She was not a Towne descendant. My father descended from Jacob² Towne, and he has been deceased since 1983. I thank everyone for their kind words of sympathy. My mother is now at rest.

You will read on page 59 that an archaeological team started a "dig" at the Rebecca Nurse Homestead on the 314th anniversary of her death on July 19th. Would imagine by now that some exciting finds have been made on the property. Glenn Mairo, volunteer at the Homestead, will be a guest at our New Haven meeting and should have some interesting things to report about this venture.

In this issue, you will find starting on page 50 a first chapter of "From Salem to Kalamazoo - A 14-Generation Family Odyssey" by George J. Hill, M.D., D.Litt. This segment covers 8-generations, with more to follow in a future newsletter. It is very heartening to have our members send us their family stories, and we sincerely thank Dr. Hill for his contributing his family odyssey.

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GENEALOGIST GIVES BOOK UPDATE

As I complete the over six years of researching and documenting for our book, a publisher is being sought. This book will include the information on the parents of William and Joanna and then document the first five generations of all descendants, male and female, who can be found.

William and Joanna will be generation 1. The names of children of generation 5 will be entered with their birth dates and names of spouses but sources will not be identified to conserve space however, it will not be included unless I have the proof. I am hopeful we can include not only the name of the source but the text of information because it provides the researcher with more details.

I want the book published in hard cover and haven't a clue as to the cost. However, I would appreciate it, if members would contact me via email with the title "TFA Book" or by post card, stating they are interested in purchasing this work. My addresses are found on page 2 of any *About Towne*.

We need to have some idea for the publisher of the number of copies we are looking to print as that will determine the cost. If your personal library is full, you might consider donating a copy to a local library in memory of a deceased member or ancestor. Remember this is not a commitment, if you tell me of your interest in obtaining this book.

Lois Payne Hoover
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Howard Towne of New Boston Officiates On Memorial Day

On Tuesday, May 30th, Howard Towne, the undisputed driving force behind this Memorial Day ceremony, talked to the New Boston, New Hampshire students about the importance of the day.

Prior to the ceremonies, Ms. Racey's fifth grade class went to the New Boston Cemetery to help Mr. Towne place flags on the graves of every veteran.

For more than 20 years, the Joe English Grange and the Central School have jointly put together this special program, with each class of students as well as the school band performing patriotic songs. Howard Towne has always officiated.

At the ceremony, he looked splendid in his World War II Air Force uniform. Also on hand was: Lt. Colonel Stafira, Commander of the Air Force Tracking Station, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Roome has advised us that his email address has been changed from:
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From Richard B. Trask's: *Images of America, Danvers From 1850 To 1899*,
Arcadia Publishing, 1996, p. 104



On July 30, 1885, a large number of Nurse descendants and others gathered at the homestead graveyard to dedicate a monument to Rebecca's memory. The dedication ceremony was described as "quiet, modest and deeply impressive." This photograph was taken at the conclusion of the ceremony at 4 p.m. Reverend Charles B. Rice of the First Church sits second from the left.

Thomas⁵ Towne and His Life

by Shirley Drury Patterson

There are many fine Towne men and women who went into new areas and created a civilized society. They became known as well-informed, upright, public spirited, and patriotic citizens. One such example is **Thomas⁵ TOWNE**, who moved with his parents and siblings to New Hampshire as a 5 year old in 1748. He later became one of the founders of Old Dover and Old Foxcroft, Maine.

The words of Oliver Wendell Holmes seem fitting when talking about Thomas Towne:

*"Emblem and legend may fade from the portal;
Keystone may crumble, and pillar may fall;
They were the builders, whose work is immortal,
Crowned with the dome that is over us all!"*

(Towne lineage: William¹, Joseph²⁻³, Elisha⁴ Towne)

Thomas⁵ Towne was born at Topsfield, Essex, Massachusetts, on 8 Feb 1742-3 to **Elisha⁴** and **Mercy Towne** (Topsfield VR births p. 107). Elisha had married **Mercy Foster** of Boxford, in the same county, on 11 Jan 1737-8 (Topsfield VR marriages p. 192. Elisha was referred to as Elisha, Jr. in the vital records). Mercy was born on 5 May 1719 at Boxford to Samuel and Mary "Mercy" (Maccoon) Foster (Boxford VR p. 38).

On 22 Dec 1748 Elisha Towne of Topsfield and his brother, Israel Towne, then a resident of New Hampshire, purchased the Taylor farm at Monson (now Wilton), Hillsborough, New Hampshire, consisting of 300 acres owned by widow Abigail Taylor of Boston. Elisha then settled his family on the farm. Son, Thomas was only five years old.

The Towne family had been living at Topsfield since 1651, when William¹ and Joanna Towne moved their family there from Salem, Massachusetts. Elisha's grandfather Joseph² Towne, born in 1639 at Salem (Essex Files 2:205), on the occasion of his marriage in 1663 to Phebe Perkins was deeded 2/3 of the Towne farm, and William and Joanna were to have the right to remain on the farm until their deaths. Joseph was to have the first chance to buy the remaining 1/3 of the farm (E.Q.V. IV, pp 293-5) Topsfield).

Thomas Towne "of Monson" married on 17 Nov 1768 to **Elizabeth "Bette" Town** of Killingly, Windham, Connecticut, at the New Haven Second Church in Thompson Parish, Connecticut (*Early Connecticut Marriages*, Second Book, p. 57; ancestry.com). Elizabeth was born on 27 Mar 1738 at Thompson to **Joseph⁴ Towne** (Joseph²⁻³, William¹) and wife, **Jemima Bixby** (E.E. Towne, *Descendants of William Towne*, p. 32). Joseph and his family had resided in Topsfield until 1732. On 6 April 1733, he purchased land of John Hallowell in the

parish of Thompson, town of Killingly, Conn., for four hundred pounds and in 1743 purchased more (*ibid.*, p. 32).

Thomas and Elizabeth Towne had one daughter, Sarah, born 18 Oct 1769, and Elizabeth evidently died in childbirth or shortly thereafter.

He married again in circa 1770 to **Sarah Burton**, the daughter of **John⁴ Burton** (John³, Isaac², Capt. John¹) and wife **Abigail Paine** of Monson, New Hampshire. Sarah was born on 22 Jan 1743-4 in Salem, Essex, Massachusetts and baptized on 8 Oct 1749 at Middleton, Essex, Massachusetts (Middleton VR p. 13).

Before 1775, Thomas moved from Monson to Temple, in the same county, and enlisted in the revolutionary war on 1 Dec 1775 in Captain Benjamin Taylor's militia which marched from nearby Amherst on 8 December to join the regulars near Boston and served until after the evacuation of Boston on 17 March 1776. He was a private and age 32.

He enlisted in September 1776 in Captain Philip Putnam's Company, Colonel Nahum Baldwin's Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, and they marched to join the Continental Army in New York, where they were in the Battle of White Plains on 20 October 1776. He was discharged during the early part of December 1776 at Fincastle, New York.

Thomas's last enlistment was in General Stark's Brigade, Captain John Goss's Company on 20 July 1777. He fought at the Battle of Bennington on 16 August and was discharged on 27 September 1777. Received a bounty of 8 pds. 8s (New Hampshire Rev. Rolls, Vol. 2, p. 244, 416).

He moved about 1790 to Lyndeborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire, where he is found in the 1790 census with 1 male over 16, 4 males under 16, and 3 females.

Sarah's father, John Burton of Wilton, made his will on 3 September 1788, and the following bequest to her:

ITEM I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah the wife of Thomas Town Six Shillings to be paid to her by my Son Abraham Burton in one month after my Decease. Which together with what She hath Heretofore had and rec'd Complete her portion in full out of my Estate.

On March 28th, 1791, at Lyndeborough, the following was written:

Then Received of Abraham Burton, Executor to the last Will and Testament of his Honored Father John Burton late of Wilton Decest Six Shillings which was given to us by our Honored Father John Burton late of Wilton Deceast in his last Will and Testament which Sum together with what we have heartofore received is in full of our Demands on the Estate of Said Decest.

Atest: Benj'n Killam
Samuel Butterfield

Thomas Towne
Sarah Towne

Thomas⁵ Towne and His Life

In 1800, Thomas and Sarah were still living in Lyndeborough where they are found in the census on page 560: 2 males 10-15, 1 male 16-25, 1 m45+, 1 female 10-, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 26-45 and 2 females 45+. Sarah's mother must have been living with them.

Sarah's death date is unknown but it evidently was between 1800 and 1801 because Thomas Towne left New Hampshire after her death and went with some of his sons to Maine in 1801. The following narrative is found in the *History of Piscataquis Co., Maine*, by Rev. Amasa Loring, published 1880, on pages 20-24:

"I have referred to the valuable furs, shipped from the trading post at our Augusta. Those furs were largely trapped in Hancock and Somerset Counties of which we were then a part. There is little doubt in my mind, as I study that Topsfield, Mass., and Wilton, N.H., family, that our stalwart pioneer, Thomas Towne often visited this territory for the richest furs the District produced. He was, if military history may be relied upon, one of Gen. Stark's patriots, and who stood by that valiant commander to the finish. Thomas Towne was a successful trapper, as well as an intrepid and famous hunter. His intellectual faculties seem to have dominated well the physical, and his admonition to his son, Moses, "Take good aim son. Take good aim!" as well as his remark, "I never lost any game for fear of being bitten or scratched Sir!" were characteristic of the man.

Mr. Towne married as his second wife, Sarah Burton, daughter of John and Abigail (Paine) Burton of Wilton, N.H. She was of the very patriotic Burton family founded in Lynn, Mass., about 1630 by one Boniface Burton, who lived to the age of one hundred and thirteen years and a most remarkable man. Jonathan Burton, brother of Sarah, with rare foresight and of his own initiative, kept the now famous "War Roles" of the thirty-one companies assembled from New Hampshire at Winter Hill during the Revolution; also the renowned "Ticonderoga Journals." It has been recorded that Sarah Burton had a very pure and beautiful soprano voice and sang many years in the Congregational Church choir of Wilton, New Hampshire.

I have not the time, nor is this the moment, to dip into the details of settlement of the Towne family at East Dover. There is not any doubt but that Thomas and his son Moses were here on a trapping expedition in 1801. They knew Abel Blood who was from their then town of residence, Temple, N.H. The next year, Eli came in with them, arranged for the purchase of land, made an opening and built a log house on the north bank of the Piscataquis river.

On May 8, 1803, Eli Towne moved his wife, Betsey Scripture, and infant son Alvin, to their new home. Their hardships, privations, and desperate struggles are familiar to you all. On March 18, 1805, a daughter, Sybil Towne, was born.

On February 29, 1812, Old Foxcroft was incorporated. That Thomas, Eli and Moses Towne recognized their place of residence, as in that township is evidenced by the facts: First, that Eli had the town meeting called and held by the

warrant of April 4, 1812, declared void. Because it had not been served on him and four others living on the North side of the Piscataquis river. Second, the list of voters in my hands, Feb. 20, 1814, contains the names of Thomas, Eli and Moses Towne. The warrant calling the town meeting for April 3, 1815, is signed by "Eli Towne one of the Selectmen of Foxcroft" - Mr. Eli Towne already had a petition before the General Assembly in Boston, asking to be set off to Plantation 8 in the 6th range. It was allowed in 1818. Dover was incorporated in 1822. Sybil Towne was then seventeen years old.

Thomas Towne, Patriot, Trapper and Pioneer, having been placed on the Revolutionary pension rolls in 1818, and having lost his eyesight, returned to Temple, N. H., perhaps to be cared for by a daughter. He died there May 28, 1824. Eli Towne's first wife Betsey Scripture died, and he married, second, in 1811, Betsey Longely. He erected the frame house known to me as the Obed Towne residence of East Dover. He was a blacksmith, a good one, and most prosperous. Interested in all matters pertaining to the young settlements, when public worship was suggested by Col. Foxcroft, the first meeting was held in the living room of his home; and the fervent, reverent, and refined voice of a woman, Hannah Dow Mitchell (Mrs. William) offered the first public prayer, dedicating the little settlements of 5 in the 7th range and 3 in the 6th to the service of our Divine Master.

It is doubtful if around the birth of any other child in the District of Maine, hangs the uncertainty as to the name of the place of her birth, as around Sybil Towne.

You may recall that Hancock County was set off from old Lincoln in 1789, and in 1816 the northern portion of Hancock, became Penobscot County. Sybil Towne was born in Hancock County, that part later set off as Penobscot and in 1838, our own beloved Piscataquis. What a record for the first eighteen years of Sybil Towne's life, born in Hancock County in 1805, in 1812 a resident of "Old Foxcroft," 1816 an inhabitant of Penobscot County, 1818 Plantation 3 in the 6th range, 1822 of "Old Dover," and yet never having left her father's farm! And in 1840 able to say to the census taker, "I am the first white girl born in the territory now incorporated as Piscataquis County!" At an early age Sybil Towne won her teacher's certificate and was a most successful teacher.

As was the custom, she "boarded around" usually sharing her bed with children in the different families. She was paid for services in corn, wheat, beans, potatoes, etc. having to exchange that produce at the store for household and personal supplies. She was skillful in spinning, weaving, and knitting, providing most of the bedding and wearing apparel for the family, by aid of loom and spinning wheel. Her flax wheel is still in the family, and should, in my judgment have a place of honor in our Town-hall. In 1826 Sybil Towne became the wife of Capt. Benjamin Dow, whose father owned the large farm across the river from her own home".

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Thomas⁵ Towne and His Life

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"I was a classmate, seatmate, and warm friend at the old Academy of Mrs. Dow's niece, Lizzie Towne, a young woman of rare brilliancy of intellect and constancy of friendship. I often spent Saturday afternoon with Lizzie at East Dover, and we enjoyed going over to "Aunt Sybil's" to hear her stories of her early days. She too enjoyed hearing of our Academy days and interests.

There is much truth in the phrase, "self-made men" and truth also in the saying, "The training of a child should begin fifty years before his birth." Sometimes the foundation of character can be traced back many times fifty years.

Well, may we be proud of the records left us by our Revolutionary ancestors—those men who labored from dawn to setting sun; and the devoted wives whose work was never done. The whirr of spinning wheel and click of loom, continued long after other members of the household were wrapt in sleep. The crowing of the cock heralded the start of kitchen fire, and the "forty-winks" of mother were often interrupted by the colicky or croupy cry of a child."

In this same book, Rev. Loring made these observations regarding Eli and Moses Towne (ibid, page 39):

"Abel Blood (first to make opening) executed a deed on May 16, 1805 conveying two hundred acres of his land to Eli Towne.

As stated before, to Eli Towne, belongs the honor being the first permanent settler of Dover; but his father and brother Moses precede him in the first steps toward it. Thomas Towne and his three sons, Moses, Eli, and Abel, then grown to manhood, resided in Temple, N. H. It seems that Moses Towne first bargained with Abel Blood for a part of his land on the north bank of the river..... Eli Towne, spent the summer of 1802, raising a crop and enlarging the opening. As cold weather came on, all but the old gentleman (Thomas) and Moses returned to Temple. As they were expecting Eli and family in the spring, and as the Chase family were preparing to move on to the river, a few miles below, the next fall, Moses Towne and Francis Chase (editor's note; Thomas probably named his son for this man) made maple sugar together on the interval below Towne's place.

In this state of things, Eli Towne, with his wife and one child, Alvin Towne of Sebec (then about one year old) started from Temple, N. H..... In March 1805, his wife bore him a daughter, the first white child born in Dover, the fifth in the county. She still survives in East Dover, known as the widow Sybil Dow. I have in my possession a handwoven homespun small blanket made by this Sybil Dow, and given to me by her granddaughter, Annie Mayhew McClure, who was early neighbors and childhood friends of my father.

Moses Towne sold out his interest on the Blood purchase, to his brother Eli, and took up the Burrill place, and cleared up that beautiful interval. At length, he sold this also, and moved into Foxcroft, and in 1833, or afterward, went to Ohio and in 1839 to Illinois."

Many of the Townes can be found buried in the East Dover Cemetery of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. Among them are found: Eli Towne 1774-1852, 1st wife Betsey 1781-1811; and 2nd wife Betsey L. 1790-1848 and many of their descendants.

It is not known where Thomas Towne is buried. Family lore says that he is buried in Dover, Maine; but revolutionary pension records say that he became totally blind in 1818 and died 28 May 1824 while living in Temple, New Hampshire, at the home of a daughter.

His first child, by Elizabeth Towne, was born in Thompson, Conn.; by Sarah Burton, his next four children were born in Wilton, NH; and the last seven in Temple (NH Vital Records, births).

1. Sarah b 18 Oct 1769 d. 5 Jul 1848 at Weston VT; m. ca 1789 Willard Lund (1790 Amherst NH census, 1 m16+, 1 f16+); born 21 Feb 1762 at Dunstable MA to Phineas and Rachel Lund (Dunstable, Middlesex, MA Vrs p. 58) He d. 29 Dec 1855 at Weston VT; ten children, surname Lund: Betsey b. 27 Apr 1790 m. Nathaniel Watts; Willard b. 12 Aug 1792 m. Abigail (Watts) Drury; Fanny b. 2 May 1795 m. William Shepherd; Katherine b. 23 May 1797; Alvah b. 23 May 1787 m. Audra Godfrey; Lucinda b. 28 May 1802 m. Ira Garfield; William Reed b. 9 Jul 1805 m. Parnel French; Lucy C b. 30 Jan 1808. m. _____ Gray; Henry S. b. 18 Mar 1811 m. Mary Eddy; and Larkin Herman Lund, b. 10 Jun 1813. Last four children born in Weston, Vermont.

2. Joseph b 22 Feb 1771 d 8 Apr 1845 Crown Point NY; m. 24 Dec 1795 at Amherst NH, Mary Averill, b 25 Aug 1777 at Amherst. She d. 28 Oct 1858 at Crown Point (dates from family bible, DAR #434991). Twelve children, surname Towne: Ira b. 21 Dec 1796 m. Rebecca Prouty; Silas b. 14 Oct 1798 m. Ruth Towner; John b. 7 Jul 1800 m. Mary Duncan; Mark b. 27 Apr 1802 m. Samantha Reed; Job b. 30 Jun 1804 m. Zilpah Bascom; Jonas b. 20 Nov 1806 m. 1) Mary Hildreth, 2) Clara M. Smith; David b. 23 Apr 1808 d. 8 May 1809; Nahum b. 17 Oct 1810 m. Mehitable Barnes; Mary b. 12 Aug 1812 m. D. Kinsman; Philip b. 24 May 1814; Rachel b. 8 Jul 1816 (d. young); Simon Towne b. 24 May 1821 m. Lydia F. Perry. Joseph and his family lived at Temple, N.H., Weston, VT, and Crown Point, NY.

3. Thomas b. 19 Jan 1773 d. 8 Feb 1857 Lyndeborough NH; m. 11 Oct 1808 at Goffstown NH to Mehitable Hoadley of Goffstown. She was born 24 Dec 1779 (E.E. Towne, *Descendants of William Towne*, 1901, p. 92; hereafter E. E. Towne). She d. 12 Nov 1857. Four children, surname Towne, were: Clarissa b. 20 Oct 1808 m. Thomas B. Perkins; Emeline b. 21 May 1811 d. 20 May 1815; Adaline b. 15 May 1817 m. 19 Aug 1860 Hiram Kidder, no ch.; George Washington Towne b. 20 Jan 1821 m. widow Lucy A. Morgrage, no ch., he died 22 Jul 1905.

4. Eli b 10 Aug 1774 d. 21 Oct 1852 Dover, ME; m. 1) 21 Oct 1800 Betsey Scripture, b. 10 Jan 1781 at Mason NH; d. 1 Nov 1811; m. 2) 1812 Betsey Longley, b. 27 Aug 1790. She died 25 Dec 1848 at Dover ME. Eli was a blacksmith, lived at Temple, NH; was first settler of Piscataquis Co., ME. He became quite wealthy for those days and the first religious meeting was held in his house in Dover ME; He was an officer in the first military company of the town; was justice of peace and often held other important offices, including town clerk.

Thomas^s Towne and His Life

4. Eli (continued from page 46):

Had five children, surname **Towne**, from his first wife: Alvin b. 24 Apr 1802 m. Mary Ann Wyman; Sybil b. 18 Mar 1805 m. Dec 1826 Benjamin Dow; Betsey b. 16 Dec 1806 m. 1823 Increase Kendall; Ezra b. Jan 1808 d. young; Eli, Jr., b. 25 Oct 1811 d. 25 Aug 1875, no children; and seven children by his second wife: Irene b. 29 Nov 1812 d. 25 Jun 1824; Opah b. 21 Oct 1814 m. Ira Washburn. She d. 24 Feb 1866; Ezra b. 29 Jul 1816 m. 3 Apr 1843 Salome Rogers; Asksah b. 29 Jul 1819 m. C. Noyes; Bertha b. 7 Jun 1821 m. 23 Jun 1844 Benjamin Oren Cutler; Obed b. 8 Jul 1827 m. 4 Apr 1849 Lurana Currier; Leander b. 2 Sep 1829 d. unma. 2 Nov 1878 (E.E. Towne, p. 227).

5. David Burton b 5 Oct 1775 he d. 30 Jan 1852. m. ca. 1799/1800 **Joanna Pierce** of Peterboro, New Hampshire. Nine children, surname **Towne**, were: (E.E. Towne, p. 93): Rebecca W. b. 22 Aug 1800 d. unma. 2 Aug 1852; Nathan P. b. 10 Feb 1802 m. 28 Jan 1823 to Polly Howland of Dennisport. Moved to Pawtucket in 1823 and lived there until his death 6 Jun 1875; Roxanna b. 4 Mar 1804 m. 1) George French; m. 2) Silas Crane, she d. 29 Nov 1849, no children; Sally b. 22 Mar 1806 m. 21 Oct 1826 Jeremiah Taunt; Roswell b. 22 Mar 1808 m. wife unknown, lived in Manchester N. H.; David Burton, Jr. b. 19 Feb 1811 m. 2 Feb 1832 to Betsey Howland of Dennisport. He drowned in Narragansett Bay on 19 Jul 1835, had two children; infant b. 26 Feb 1813 d. 28 Mar 1813; Joanna A. b. 3 Apr 1815 d. 27 May 1815; and Nancy J. b. 30 May 1816 m. Leonard Fletcher. She died 29 May 1852.

6. Moses b. 22 Jun 1778 d. 3 Sep 1835 at Pekin IL; m. 1) 15 Jul 1801 to **Betsey** _____ (d. sometime after the birth of her sixth child, Senith, b. 20 May 1812; m. 2) in 1816 to **Abigail (Poole) Chandler**, widow of John Chandler, Jr. She was the daughter of Samuel Poole and Abigail Porter; and had Mayflower descent from Henry Sampson, Myles Standish, and John Alden. She had five children with John Chandler: John; Nancy, Alethea; Jonathan; and Samuel Poole Chandler. Abigail died 5 Oct 1868 at Pekin, IL. She and Moses are buried in Lakeside Cemetery there.

They lived in Dover, Maine until 1833 when they moved to Ohio. In 1839 they removed to Tazewell County, IL. Moses had owned property in Dover, Maine, and the last sale of his property was 9 Jun 1826 when his wife released her dower signing Nabby Towne. Moses had six children by Betsey and five children by Abigail. They are, surname **Towne**, and born at Dover, Maine: Francis b. 15 Aug 1802 m. Nancy Chandler; Sally b. 15 May 1804; Oliver b. 28 Mar 1806 m. Lydia Varney; Amelia b. 26 Oct 1808 m. Charles Shaver; Charles b. 10 Aug 1810; Senith b. 20 May 1812 m. 1831 John Smith; Children by Abigail, surname **Towne**, and born at Foxcroft, Maine, were Moses Burton b. 20 Nov 1816 m. Phebe Hill; Hazo Porter b. 9 Oct 1821 m. 13 Mar 1851 Mary Sophia Troutwine; Mary Hersey b. 8 Sep 1823 m. 1) 21 Apr 1841 Moses Tirrill; m. 2) 21 Sep 1856 John Dillon; Burton N. b. 20 Aug 1825; and Abigail b. 30 Aug 1832 m. 1854 Samuel P. Buker.

7. Abel b 19 Sep 1779 d. 19 Feb 1860 at Foxcroft, Maine; m. 17 Aug 1803 at Emden, Somerset Co., Maine, to **Sarah Adkinson** (Adkidson in E.E. Towne p. 93). She was b. 15 Apr 1781 and d. 24 Aug 1879 at Foxcroft, Maine. They had eleven children, surname **Towne**: James b. 5 Dec 1805 d. 29 Jan 1825; Cyrus A. b. 29 Apr 1807 m. Mary _____; Elisha d. 10 Dec 1880 unma., age 71; Eunice b. 27 Mar 1812 m. Harvey Judkins; Thomas b. 4 Jul 1814 d. 1894 unma.; Abel, Jr. b. 11 Jun 1816 m. Catherine Chase; Rachel P. b. 5 Aug 1818 m. John P. Bates; Luke L. b. 16 Sep 1820 m. Mary Severence of Sebec, Maine, no

ch.; Henry, b. 30 May 1823 d. unma. 5 Sep 1853; William b. 11 Feb 1820 m. 30 Aug 1879, Julia Ann Nason; she m. 2nd, Mr. Judkins of Lewistown ME; Sarah A., b. 6 Dec 1828 m. 10 Aug 1850 to Erastus Dow. She d. 5 Sep 1898, age 69.

8. Samuel b 19 Jun 1782 d. 1843; m. 27 Jun 1807 in Anson, Maine to **Elizabeth Rowe**. She was born 23 Jul 1784 and d. in 1848. He served in the War of 1812. They had nine children, surname **Towne**: Betsey B. b. 29 Feb 1808; Sarah B. b. 16 Sep 1809; Lucinda b. 17 Feb 1813; Asenath b. 8 Jun 1814; Joab, b. 26 Mar 1816 m. 1) Jane Felker, m. 2) Jane Doe; Abisha b. 28 Aug 1818 m. Desire Warren, he was killed at the Battle of Bull Run in 1862 during the Civil War; Asahel b. 3 Jun 1820 m. Nancy J. French; Lydia R. b. 25 Nov 1821; and Titus Williston Towne, b. 30 May 1823, m. Loreanna Foding in 1859.

9 Frances Paine b 7 May 1784 died in 1802.

10. Abigail Harvey b 18 Jan 1786 m. **Amos Fletcher** of Hollis, New Hampshire. In 1820 census (p. 845 at Hollis, they had 2 males under ten; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 26-45; 1 male over 45; 2 females under ten, 1 female 26-45, and 1 female over 45. Three sons were Amos, Jr., Leonard and Josiah. In 1850 census at Hollis, Amos was 66, Abigail, 66, and Amos, 33. She died 4 Mar 1854 at Hollis.

11 Elizabeth b 30 Apr 1788 m. 1) **William Ring**; m. 2) **Joseph Howard**. (Name and marriages from E.E. Towne, p. 53.)

12 Sarah b 4 Mar 1790 in Temple, Hillsborough, New Hampshire; m. **Joshua Bailey**. In census of 1830 (page 414) at Peterborough, Hillsborough Co., NH. They had 1 male 5 to 10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 30-40, 2 females under 5, 1 female 10-15, and 1 female 30-40.

13 Mary b 4 Mar 1790 (twin) in Temple, Hillsborough Co., New Hampshire; m. circa 1803 at Temple to **Thomas McColley/McCauley**, born 1 Mar 1787 in Antrim Township, Hillsborough County, to James McCauley and Abigail Smith. Thomas died 30 Apr 1852 at Ashtabula, Ashtabula, Ohio; and Mary probably died there, date unknown. Mary and Thomas McColley were in 1850 census there on page 196. He was age 63 born in N.H. and she was age 60 born in N. H. Living nearby (p. 193 and 194) were daughters: Polly m. to Orrin Shepard; Sarah A. m. Loren Shepard, and Laura m. to Amos Shepard.

They had eight children, first five born in New Hampshire, and three born in New York. Their children, surname **McColley**, were: James Nelson b. ca 1804 m. 30 Dec 1830 at Chautauqua, New York, Mary Ann Jones. He married 2) Harriet McColley. James Nelson McColley died 18 Apr 1880 at Crown Point, Lake, Indiana; Thomas b. ca 1811 m. Susan Amsden; Lyman b. ca. 1815 m. 1 Jan 1837 at Ashtabula, Ohio, to Sophia Everett. He died bet. June 1846 and 1 Dec 1847 at Lake, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; [Their son, Jeremiah M. McColley b. ca 1843 m. 11 Aug 1866 to Lucy A. McColley, born ca 1851 to James Nelson McColley and Margaret Jones. They were first cousins and ancestors of Marlene Heald Van Eck, TFA member;] Jane E. b. ca 1813 m. 2 Jan 1837 Willis McColley; she d. 20 Dec 1886 at Auroraville, Wisc.; Mary "Polly" b. ca 1819 m. 20 Sep 1837 to Orin Shepard; Sarah Ann b. 8 Apr 1821 m. 9 Dec 1838 to Loren Shepard; Daniel D. b. ca 1823, m. ca 1847 to Patience Bliss; he d. 23 Feb 1863; and Laura G. b. ca 1827, m. 1 Jan 1845 to Amos Shepard. The Shepard families all lived at Ashtabula, Ohio.

John Symonds's Furniture Shop & Estate Inventory

(from: www.antiquesandthearts.com
sent by Connie Purvis)

William and Mary Chest Brings \$189,500

BOLTON, MA. On June 10 a William and Mary joined chest sold to a phone bidder for \$189,500 at Skinner's Americana auction. The chest was one of nine known examples of furniture from the Symonds shops (1600-1700) of Salem, Mass. It has become the fourth joined chest to be identified.

(From: *Patronage in Early Salem-The Symonds Shops and Their Customers* by Martha Willoughby)

Displaying distinctive geometric moldings, architectural appliques and mannerist carving, a group of furniture attributed to the Symonds Shops of Salem, Mass. documents the transfer of 17th Century British styles to New England. The Symonds Shops dominated the furniture-making trade in Salem.

Several cupboards, chests, and cabinets now attributed to the Symonds shops appeared in early studies of Essex Co. furniture. Experts concluded that joiner JOHN SYMONDS (ca. 1595-1671) father of Catherine Symonds, married to Jacob² Towne) was the most likely progenitor of this tradition, based on the unfinished furniture, tools and turned components listed in his inventory. It also noted that the careers of John Symonds and his sons James (1633-1714) and Samuel (1638-1722) encompassed the dates ascribed to the furniture. In addition to identifying chamber tables, chairs, and other forms from the Symond's shops, Robert F. Trent strengthened the above attributions by linking the furniture to architectural woodwork from Symond's hometown, Great Yarmouth, in Norfolk, England.

Embellished with geometric moldings, corbels, and interlacing S-scrolls, the interior paneling of the Star Hotel in Great Yarmouth has many of the same details found on furniture attributed to the Symonds Shops.

Founders and Patriots, Emigrants from Europe 1607-1657

by Meredith Colket, Jr.

John Symonds (Catherine Towne's father) born about 1595 of Great Yarmouth, County Norfolk, England; Salem, Massachusetts 1636; d. Salem by 19 September 1671; joiner, cooper, freeman. See *Ancestry of Dudley Wilder* 1959; *Register* (96:205 (clue)); Hoyt *Amesbury and Salisbury*.

Early Probate Inventories from Salem, Massachusetts

<http://www.salemstate.edu/history/Essex/essexprobate.html#>

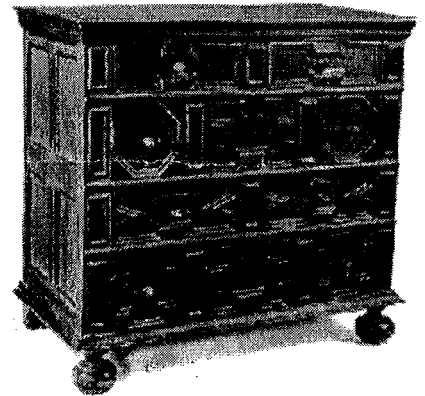
The Estate of John Symonds of Salem, proved in Salem court 19: 7: 1671

	£	s	d
Inventory taken by John Kitchin and John Pickering			
His houseing and Land	230	0	0
Joyners Tools benches and alre	5	5	6
2 Bedsteds almost finished	3	0	0
3 stools with one half of a Box	12	0	
1/2 grindstone and windlass and a Small grindstone		5	0
Timber, planke & board	5	12	0
Two beds, a bolster & a p of sheets, a p of blankets, a bed steed & matt that lay in the Chamber	5	0	0
Tubs		4	0
part of a Chest and 4 Bush. Corn		18	6
His wearing Clothes	6	5	0
2 yds. & 3/4 of sad colored cloth		22	6
a Table cloth	1	12	6
3 Hollond pillow-beers		15	0
a p of sheets	2	5	0
3 p of old sheets		30	0
3 corse pillow-beers	1	15	0
3 small peeces of Cloth		8	0
1 Doz. of napkins, 1 Towil	1	0	0
a Feather bed, 2 bolsters, 3 pillows, a rugg, 4 blankets, one p of sheets, Curtains & Bedstead	10	0	0
2 pound of woolen yarn & som linen yarn & a hat brush		8	0
1 great Kettle		20	0
3 Iron potts & 2 p of pot hooks	2	7	0
1 Churnn, 3 payls with Iron bayls & 5 Trayes		13	0
a frying pan		5	0
a warminge pan		12	0
a fire pan and Grid Iron		2	0
a ps. of a hawke & a dripping pan		4	0
2 brass puding pansand 3 tinen Lamps		3	6
an Iron Trivit, 4 glass bottles and a spitt		8	0
3 Earthen pots, 2 panns		3	0
2 Jarrs, 1 Sieve and a pitcher		2	6
a broken posnet & a Cod line		2	0
3 new pewter platters and a bell mettle Skillet	1	2	0
4 old pewter platters, a poringer & 2 plates		8	0

John Symond's Furniture Shop & Estate Inventory

2 old quart pots, A bason and & Chamber pot	7	0
a beer bowle, a beaker, a wine Cup & a Grater	4	0
a lattin sarce pan & Tunnil, 4 wooden dishes & 4 spoons	2	8
a Lanthorne, 2 Doz. Trenchers, a platter & a chafeing dish	4	0
Two wooden Bowles and a ladle	1	0
a chopping knife & 3 brass Candlesticks	13	0
3 Chests, 3 Boxes and a wooden Tunnil	14	0
5 Barrils and a half baril, a butter tub & 4 Keelers	13	0
a halfe a bushel & a p of Scales	2	0
2 Tables, a fourm and Chayers	16	0
32 Cheeses, butter & meat	1	0
Apples growinge I n the orchard	15	0
2 old Bibles, a Booke of Doct. Prestons works and a book or Mr. Rogers works & a psalm booke	18	0
one firelock musket	1	6
one firelock Musquet, worme & Scowerer	1	4
Sword, belt, powder & bullets	8	0
2 Tobacco boxes and a drest Calfe skin	2	6
a meal Sack & a litle bagge	4	0
a five shilinge peece of gold & a 6d in Silver	5	6
a Vice and an old Hatchet	19	0
nayles	0	10
a Howe	2	0
an Ax	6	10
A Mattock	5	0
halfe a plow chayne	8	0
an old Sithe, old Iron & a p of Jemmils	5	0
a Reap hook	0	9
2 hoops, 2 boxes & and ex pin	11	9
a p of pitchfork Tynes, 5 Wedges & old Iron	12	0
one halfe of a Crosscut Saw and an ex pin	5	0
four lode of Hay in the yarde	4	0
Salt Marsh Grass growinge	1	0
2 Cows and a Cow Calfe	7	10
Tow Hogges & 2 pigs	3	12
Indean Corne that grew on the Land	3	10
20 Bushels of pease	4	0
Timber in the Wiids	1	2
a p of woosted Stockings	7	0
Debts due to the Estate	24	10
total	342	14
Estate is debtor	12	0

THE WILLIAM & MARY CHEST



Eight pieces of furniture—four cabinets, three chests, and a cupboard—attributed to the Symonds Shops have histories or physical evidence connecting them to their original owners.

Three of the cabinets bear dates and the initials of a married couple that correspond to only one husband and wife living in Essex County at the time.

All of the Symonds shop's known patrons were middle-class members of the region's farming community.

One chest belonged to John Trask (1678-1737) and Hannah Osborne (1679-1721) of Salem. It descended through three generations of their family to William Blake Trask (1812-1906) who donated the piece to the New England Historical and Genealogical Society in 1902.

Initials on two chests were traced to Thomas Buffington (1639-1728) and Sarah Southwick (1644-1733) of Salem; and Ephraim Herrick (1638-1693) and Mary Cross (1640-1693) of Beverly. A recently discovered cabinet has the initials of Joseph Pope (1650-1712) and Bathsheba Folger (1652-1726), whose identifies were uncovered by their late 20th century descendants, the last family members to have the piece.

John Symonds, born about 1595 in Great Yarmouth, County Norfolk, England had his children, including Catherine, baptized in the St. Nicholas Church in Great Yarmouth. This is the same church that William and Joanna (Blessing) had their children baptized in before coming to Salem, Massachusetts, in the 1630s.

Also an apprentice of 17 years old who hath 3 year and 9 moneths and 2 weekes to
Essex County Quarterly Court Files, vol. 18, leaves 25,6. serve.
The Probate Records of Essex County vol. II, pages 249-50.

From Salem to Kalamazoo - A 14-Generation Family Odyssey

By George J. Hill, M.D., D.Litt.

Americans are peripatetic folks, so the migration of one line of the descendants of Rebecca Towne – from Salem to Michigan in 14 generations – is in many ways a typical American story. After her descendants moved away from Salem, the knowledge of Rebecca's life and her tragic death began to fade from their collective memory. I would like to rectify this loss and pay tribute to Rebecca, who is usually referred to by her married name as Goodwoman – or just "Goody" – Nurse, by telling the story of this branch of the Towne family, which migrated from Salem Village to Nova Scotia, then back to Massachusetts, and then on to Iowa, to Maryland, and to Michigan. No less than eight generations in this line have vital records in Massachusetts, and there are four generations with records in Nova Scotia, four generations in Iowa, and one generation each in Maryland and Michigan.

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(Towne-Nurse lineage: William¹ Towne, Rebecca²m. Francis Nourse, Samuel Nourse³, Ebenezer Nurse⁴, Elizabeth⁵)¹

Generation 5

Elizabeth⁵ Nurse was born on 15 September 1726 in Salem Village, Essex County, Massachusetts, to **Ebenezer Nurse⁴** and his wife, **Elizabeth Mitchell**, daughter of Andrew and Abigail (Atwood) Mitchell, who were married in Salem Village (now Danvers) on 4 January 1721/2. Elizabeth Nurse was the great-granddaughter of Rebecca Towne Nourse, who had been hanged as a witch at Salem on 19 July 1692. One of the most prominent families in Salem at that time was the Putnam family. The Putnams of Salem were descendants of or were married to descendants of John Putnam Sr. (1579/80-1662), who emigrated to Massachusetts from his native County of Buckinghamshire, England, in about 1640. Many Putnams were numbered among both the accusers and the defenders of the so-called witches of Salem, and in 1692 there were Putnams who lived near the Nurse farm in Salem Village. The Nurse farm eventually passed into the hands of a Putnam. It is therefore understandable, though still remarkable, to learn that Elizabeth Nurse married, successively, two men who were great-great grandsons of the emigrant John Putnam, and that these marriages joined two of the bloodlines that were so tragically involved in the witchcraft delusion. And after bearing three children by **Caleb Putnam Jr.** and one child by his third cousin **Timothy Putnam**, Elizabeth was married a third time, to **Richard Upham Jr., Esq.**, a widower with two children of his own, and by whom she bore three more children – the last one born in Nova Scotia. Richard and Elizabeth (Nurse) (Putnam) (Putnam) Upham and eight children emigrated to Nova Scotia in about 1762, where they settled on land that had been vacated by the expulsion of the Acadians in 1755. In 1770, Richard and Elizabeth Upham were living in Onslow, Colchester County, N.S.; her date and place of death has not been found; he died in Onslow Township, N.S., on 15 September 1775, and was buried there. She is revered by the Putnams of Nova Scotia as the matriarch of their branch of the Putnam family.²

Elizabeth Nurse m. (1) at Salem Village, Mass., 6 Jun 1745, Caleb Putnam Jr., b. 10 Feb 1725; d. at Salem Village, 15 Apr 1751. She m. (2) at Salem Village, in 1755, Timothy Putnam, b. 10 Jan 1725; d. at Salem Village, in 1756. She m. (3) at Salem Village, 5 Jul 1757, Richard Upham, b. 3 Dec 1716 in Malden, Mass.; d. 15 Sep 1775 in Onslow Twp., Colchester Co., N.S.

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The children of Elizabeth Nurse were³:

By Caleb Putnam Jr. (surname Putnam), all b. at Salem Village, Mass.

- 1) **William**⁶.
- 2) Moses b. 5 May 1748; d. bef. 1773, drowned at sea near N.S.
- 3) Caleb b. 15 Jun 1750; d. 9 Sep 1838, Maitland, Hants Co., N.S.; m. (1) Letitia Hunter, 1775, 5 children; m. (2) Jane Fulton, 1787, 8 children.

By Timothy Putnam (surname Putnam), all b. at Salem Village, Mass.

- 4) Timothy Jr. b. bef 14 Nov 1756; d. 9 Oct 1840, Middle Stewiacke, Colchester, N.S.; m. Janet Hunter, 1785, 6 children.

By Richard Upham Jr. (surname Upham),

- 5) Richard III b. abt. 1758, Salem Village, Mass; d. Oct 1825; m. Mary Ann Cock, 1784; 8 children.
- 6) Mary b. 5 Mar 1761, Salem Village, Mass; d. Nov 1834; m. Joseph McCully, 1 child.
- 7) Sarah b. Jul 1766, Onslow, N.S.; d. 29 Nov 1789; m. Nathaniel Marsters, 5 Jul 1787, Onslow, N.S.

(The principal source for the names and dates of the children of Elizabeth nee Nurse is Art Putnam, *Descendants of Putnam*. Her last three children were named in Wile, *Putnam Family*, but no information about them was given there.)

Generation 6

William⁶ **Putnam** was about sixteen years old when he and his mother and step-father arrived with seven other children in Canada in about 1762. Six years later, in 1768, he married a woman who was about two years his junior in age. They originally lived in Maitland, Hants County, near the Bay of Fundy, where their first child was born about two years later. Several of their next eight children were also born in Hants County. By 1786, they had moved to central Nova Scotia where they settled in the Upper Stewiacke area of Colchester County, and where their last child was born. William Putnam erected the first grist mill in the upper valley of the Stewiacke River in 1790 on his farm in Meadowvale on the south (left) bank of the river. He died about forty-one years later in Meadowvale at the age of eighty-four; eight years later his wife also died at the farm in Meadowvale, and both are buried there.

William Putnam married, in 1768, **Dorothy "Dolly" Prescott**, who was probably a great-granddaughter of James and Mary (Boulter) Prescott of Kingston, Rockingham Co., New Hampshire. This James Prescott appeared in Hampton, N.H. (which was then in Norfolk Co., Mass.) in 1665; his origin is unknown. Some say that this Dolly Prescott was descended from James Prescott's second son, Deacon James Prescott, and his wife Maria Marston, by their son James and his wife Dorothy Tilton. Others believe that she was descended from James Prescott's eldest son, Joshua, and his wife Sarah Clifford, by his son, Joshua Jr., and his first wife Abigail Ambrose. Dolly Prescott was probably born in New Hampshire in about 1748-9; she died in Meadowvale, Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, on 22 November 1839. Several of William and Dolly Putnam's children and other members of the Putnam and related families were buried in a little family cemetery at Meadowvale, although not all of the graves can be identified because the stones are weathered and the graveyard is overgrown with grass and trees.

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William and Dolly (Prescott) Putnam had ten children (surname Putnam).⁴ Most of the first seven were born in Hants Co., N.S. The first five were probably born in Maitland, the seventh in Shubenacadie, and the youngest in Stewiacke, Colchester Co. (The names of the ten children and the spouses of the eight who married are the same in both Art Putnam, *Descendants of Putnam* [2001], and in Jane Wile, *Putnam Family* [1999]. The order of births and some of the dates vary between these two sources. The following order is taken from Wile.)

- 1) Abigail, b. say 1770, who m. John Bonnell, 24 Jan 1793 and had descendants.
- 2) Mary b. abt. 1771; d. 1792 and is buried at Meadowvale.
- 3) Lydia b. 1775; d. 13 Nov 1851; m. Eliakim Tupper, 1798, and had nine children and numerous grandchildren, including the Hon. William Annand, who was Premier of Nova Scotia from 1867-1875.
- 4) William b. abt 1777; d. bef 1871; m. Eleanor Henry and had descendants.
- 5) Sarah, b. abt 1778; d. 1792 and is buried at Meadowvale.
- 6) Martha b. abt 1780; m. John Dunlap, 11 Mar 1802; had many descendants.
- 7) **Susannah**⁷.
- 8) Dorothy b. 1 Feb 1785, in N.S. or Boston Mass; m. John Geddes and had descendants. In 2002, the old Putnam farm in Meadowvale had long been owned by members of the Geddes family.
- 9) Elizabeth, who m. (1) James Smith, for whom Smithfield, Colchester Co., was named; and (2) in 1797, Capt. James Miller, whose grandson, William Miller, was Speaker of the Senate of Canada from 1883-1887.
- 10) Mehitabel b. abt 1786; d. 23 Nov 1869; m. Thomas Gourley Jr. (1780-1843), 19 Jul 1809, and had descendants. He was buried at the Putnam farm in Meadowvale.

Generation 7

Susannah⁷ [**Susan**] **Putnam**, sixth daughter and seventh child of William and Dolly (Prescott) Putnam, was born about 1781-2 in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., N.S.; died 23 May 1871 in South Branch, Upper Stewiacke, Colchester Co., N.S. When she was about five years old, she moved with her parents and her older siblings to the central part of Nova Scotia, where they settled in an area known as Meadowvale on the Stewiacke River, in the Upper Stewiacke area of Colchester County. When she was about 20, on 1 January 1801, she married **William Archibald**, eldest son and second of the ten children of Lt.-Col. John Archibald 2nd and his wife, Margaret Fisher; born in Truro Township, Colchester Co., N.S., 19 September 1774; died in South Branch, Colchester Co., 10 November 1850. In the early years of their marriage, William and Susan (Putnam) Archibald lived in his home town of Truro, near Maitland, on Cobequid Bay, which is the southern arm of the Bay of Fundy. In about 1810, following the birth of their third or fourth child, they moved to Upper Musquodoboit in Halifax County, just over the ridgeline to the south of Meadowvale. In about 1826, following the birth of their last child, they moved back to the Upper Stewiacke district, where they settled at South Branch, immediately downstream from Meadowvale. Both William and Susan (Putnam) Archibald were buried in Riverside Cemetery, Upper Stewiacke, N.S. Her parents' farm at Meadowvale passed to her eldest son and since then it has since been owned and operated by members of the Archibald and Geddes families.

John Archibald 2nd and Margaret Fisher were first cousins, both being grandchildren of John Archibald I (c.1691-1751), who emigrated from Northern Ireland to Londonderry, N.H., and who was the progenitor of the Archibald family of Nova

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Scotia. John Archibald 1 and Margaret Wilson had nine children; their second child, Samuel married Eleanor Taylor and had 12 children, the second being John Archibald 2nd. The fourth child of John (1) and Margaret (Wilson) Archibald was Eleanor, who married William James Fisher and had 12 children, the third being Margaret – who married her cousin John Archibald 2nd. A row of four stones in the Robie Street Cemetery in Truro, N.S., marks the graves of Samuel and Elizabeth (Taylor) Archibald and their son and daughter-in-law, Lt.-Col. John (2nd) and Margaret (Fisher) Archibald. Of the 37 individuals named Archibald in this section of the cemetery, the most notable is Sir Adams George Archibald, K.C.M.G., who had been Secretary of State of Canada and Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. He was the son of William Archibald's first cousin Samuel Archibald by Samuel's first wife (and first cousin), Elizabeth Archibald. After Elizabeth died, Samuel married (2) Sarah, daughter of William and Susan (Putnam) Archibald, who thus became Sir Adams Archibald's step-mother.⁵

William and Susan (Putnam) Archibald had ten children (surname Archibald).⁶ The first three were born at Truro, Colchester Co., N.S., and some – probably all – of the rest were born at Musquodoboit, Halifax Co., N.S. (The names of the ten children and their spouses are taken from identical lists in Wile, *Archibald Family* and *Putnam Family*; only five of these children are listed in Art Putnam, *Descendants*.)

- 1) Sarah b. 25 Dec 1801; d. 28 Dec 1869; m. (1) Josiah Stewart, Feb 1823, by whom she had six children; and (2) as his second wife, Samuel Archibald 3d, Esq., who had married (1) and had ten children by Elizabeth Archibald, a first cousin of William Archibald.
- 2) Eleanor b. 28 Dec 1803; m. Alexander Henry in 1827 and had five children.
- 3) **Ruth E.**⁸
- 4) John b. 7 Jul 1808; d. 5 Jul 1870. He m. (1) 15 Aug 1837 and had ten children by Lydia Rutherford, and (2) in 1871, Elizabeth Hutchinson. He inherited the family farm, Meadowvale, and is buried there.
- 5) William Putnam b. 23 Apr 1810; alive in 1864; m. (1) 30 Jan 1838, Mary Jane Gourley, by whom he had 9 children; and (2) Mary Fulton, by whom he had three children.
- 6) Alexander b. 23 May 1812; alive in 1870; m. (1) 10 Jan 1837, Catherine Loughhead, by whom he had nine children; and (2) 23 Jun 1870, Mary Jan McCurdy.
- 7) George b. 6 May 1814; alive in 1867; m. Margaret Fraser in Jan 1846, by whom he had seven children.
- 8) Susan b. 11 Sep 1818; m. Robert Creelman 29 Jan 1841 and had 15 children.
- 9) Prescott Putnam b. 1822; alive in 1890; m. 23 Mar 1848 to his half-second cousin Jane Rutherford, daughter of James Rutherford and Letitia Putnam. They operated the Albion Hotel in Halifax from 1880-1890. From 1890-1897, the Albion Hotel was managed by James Grant and his wife Mary Jane Archibald, daughter of John and Lydia (Rutherford) Archibald, and who was thus Prescott Putnam Archibald's niece. The operators of the Albion Hotel also played an important role in the next generation of this branch of the Towne family. In 1854, James Grant's second cousin, Jane Grant, married James Everett Thompson, who was a son of Ruth E. (Archibald) Thompson and thus a first cousin of James Grant's wife, Mary Jane Archibald.
- 10) Margaret Mary b. 4 Aug 1824; alive in 1870; m. (1) 22 Feb 1853, Colin McLellan [aka McLennon], by whom she had five children; and (2) 11 Aug 1870, John Smith.

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Generation 8

Ruth E.⁸ Archibald, third daughter and third child of William and Susan (Putnam) Archibald, was born on 6 March 1806 at Truro, Colchester County, N.S.; died at Brockton, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts, 16 December 1887. In about 1810 her parents moved to Upper Musquodoboit, Halifax County, N.S., where the rest of their ten children were born. In about 1826, when she was twenty years old, she married **Joseph Scott Thompson**, probably the son of James Thompson and his wife Hannah Scott; born 8 June 1800 at Musquodoboit, N.S.; died 7 March 1866 at Somerville, Massachusetts.

In 1826, two years after the birth of their last child, her parents and her nine siblings moved over the ridgeline that separates the valley of the Musquodoboit River from that of the Stewiacke River and settled in Upper Stewiacke, where her mother had been raised. For the next 12 years, Joseph and Ruth (Archibald) Thompson remained in Musquodoboit, where he was a farmer, working the land near his father and brothers and some of her relatives. Joseph and Ruth Thompson had seven children in Musquodoboit, and three more after they moved to Stewiacke in 1838. In 1850, for reasons unknown, but probably for economic reasons, they moved to Massachusetts. They settled in Brockton, in Plymouth County, within eight miles of Bridgewater, from which Joseph's grandfather Archibald Thompson II had emigrated to Nova Scotia. Their second child, Hannah, married Hugh Graham and stayed in Nova Scotia, and she provided a long-lasting link between the American and Canadian branches of this family. Ruth had two more children in Massachusetts, while Joseph worked as a teamster in the Boston area. He died in Somerville, near Boston, in 1866, at the age of 65, and was buried in the Union Cemetery in Brockton; his widow died twenty-one years later at the age of 87, and she was buried beside him.

It appears that Ruth Archibald and Joseph Thompson probably met as fellow parishioners in the Presbyterian Church of Upper Musquodoboit. Joseph Scott Thompson was probably named for Joseph Scott Jr. (c.1741-after 1798) of Onslow, N.S., Sheriff of the Colchester District, whose daughter Hannah married James Thompson in about 1796 and settled in Musquodoboit; another daughter, Olivia "Olive" Scott, was married to Samuel Fisher Archibald, a prosperous farmer and tanner in Upper Musquodoboit. S. F. Archibald's wife, Olive, was thus Joseph Scott Thompson's aunt. Ruth Archibald's father was a first cousin of S. F. Archibald. At the age of 20, Joseph Thompson appears as a buyer of shoe leather in the account books of S. F. Archibald in 1822, about two years before he and Ruth were married; and in 1835 Joseph and Ruth Thompson sold 135 acres of land in Musquodoboit to Samuel F. Archibald, yeoman.

Joseph Scott Thompson is probably a descendant in the fourth generation from Archibald Thompson I (1691-1776), who emigrated from Ulster province in Northern Ireland and settled in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in about 1724. He is said to have made the first commercial spinning wheel in America. His son Archibald II served with Wolfe in Quebec and emigrated to Nova Scotia in 1761; he married Martha Robinson and was the father of at least seven and possibly ten children, including Archibald Thompson III and James Thompson Sr., who was presumably the father of Joseph Scott Thompson. The Scott family genealogy traces the ancestry of Hannah Scott in two lines back to Peter Folger, the maternal grandfather of Benjamin Franklin; Hannah Scott's parents, Joseph Scott Jr. and Sarah Cutting, were first cousins.⁷

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Joseph Scott and Ruth E. (Archibald) Thompson had twelve children (surname Thompson). The first seven were born in Musquodoboit, Halifax Co., N.S.; the next three were born in Upper Stewiacke, Colchester Co., N.S.; and the last two were born in Massachusetts.⁸

- 1) Susan A. b. 1825; d. Oct 1899, Brockton, Mass.; m. William Muir Jr., 18 Dec 1850; 5 children.
- 2) Hannah b. 1827; alive in 1880; m. Hugh (aka Frank) Graham, 1848; 5 children.
- 3) **James Everett**⁹.
- 4) William b. 1832; d. before 1850; d.s.p.
- 5) Sarah b. Apr 1835; d. 16 Jan 1916, Berkeley, Calif. (twin of Jane); m. Charles Geddes, 27 Jul 1852; 6 children.
- 6) Jane T. "Jennie" b. Apr 1835; d. 1 Oct 1916, Brockton, Mass. (twin of Sarah); m. William A. Brederick Jr., 8 Feb 1860; 7 children.
- 7) Olive A. b. 1836; d. 1896; m. William C. Bowen; 4 children.
- 8) Harriet b. 1841; alive in 1870; m. Frank Tremaine; 6 children.
- 9) Edward b. 7 Jul 1843; d. 5 Jan 1922, Cedar Rapids, Linn Co., Iowa; buried at Blodgett Cemetery near Central City, Iowa; m. (1) as her third husband, Mary Jane Parks, 20 Sep 1864; she had one child by a previous marriage, who d.s.p.; 2 children, who d.s.p.; m. (2) Laura Cordella Campbell, 23 Jan 1906; 2 children, who d.s.p. He was a soldier in the 16th Iowa Volunteers and was wounded at Corinth, Miss., Sept 1862.
- 10) Franklin b. 1846; d. before 1850; d.s.p.
- 11) Charles Prescott "Charlie" b. 28 May 1852, Medford, Mass.; d. 9 Jul 1941, Brockton, Mass.; m. Cassie Calvo Rollins Ames, 30 Apr 1882; 6 children.
- 12) Emma Frances b. 6 Jan 1855; alive in 1886; m. Joseph B. Steele; 1 child.

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RUTH E. (ARCHIBALD) THOMPSON
 (1806-1887, photo taken about age 80)

Matriarch of Generation 8- From Truro and Meadowvale
 Nova Scotia to Brockton, Massachusetts

In Memory
 of
 Lieutenant Colonel
JOHN ARCHIBALD
 who departed this life the
 15th day of Oct 1813 in the 65th year
 of his age
 He was a lover of hospitality
 Nor farther seek his merits to disclose
 Or draw his frailties from their dread abode

In Memory
 of
MARGARET wife of
 Lieutenant Colonel
JOHN ARCHIBALD
 who departed this Life the 19th
 day of May 1809 in the 62^d year
 of her age
 She looked well to the ways
 of her household

ROBIE STREET CEMETERY, TRURO, N.S.
PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS OF RUTH E. ARCHIBALD

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This family odyssey will be continued in the December newsletter, together with additional End Notes, Sources, and Documents.

End Notes

¹ Generations 1-4 have been amply documented. See, for example, *NEHGR* 1854-1931.

² Sources for Generation 5 include *NEHGR* 23:37 (1869); "Ancestors of Susan A. Thompson," Great Great Grand Parents; Wile, *Putnam Family*, 1, 3; Eben Putnam, *A History of the Putnam Family*, 209-55; Ross Graves, *The Putnam Family of Hants and Colchester Counties, Nova Scotia*, 1; and Art Putnam, *Descendants of Putnam*, #18. Putnam lineages: John¹⁻³ Putnam, Caleb¹⁻²; and John¹ Putnam, Nathaniel², Benjamin³, Stephen⁴, Timothy⁵.

³ Sources for Generation 6 include "Ancestors of Susan A. Thompson," Great Grand Parents; Wile, *Putnam Family*, 1, 3; Wile, *Archibald Family*, 20; *Stewiacke 1780-1900*, 107-8; Reid, *Musquodoboit Pioneers*, 130; Eben Putnam, *Putnam Family*, 209-55, 398; Ross Graves, *Putnam Family*, 1-2; Art Putnam, *Descendants of Putnam*, #25; William Prescott, *Prescott Memorial, Part 2*, 238-9; and Byers, *Ancestry of Leslie Byers*, Family 31, p. 9.

⁴ Sources for Generation 7 include "Ancestors of Susan A. Thompson," Great Grand Parents; Wile, *Putnam*, 4, 7; Wile, *Archibald*, 20; *Stewiacke 1780-1900*, 107-8; Reid, *Musquodoboit Pioneers*, 130; Eben Putnam, *Putnam Family*, 209-55; Ross Graves, *Putnam Family*, 1-2; Art Putnam, *Descendants of Putnam*, #25; Prescott, *Prescott Memorial*, 239; Byers, *Ancestry*, 9.

⁵ Archibald lineages: John¹, Samuel², John³, William⁴; and John¹, Eleanor² m. William James Fisher, Margaret Fisher³ m. John Archibald, William⁴.

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She Was a Free Spirit who Loved History and Literature

(from *The Sacramento Bee*, Feb. 2, 2006)

by Erika Chavez, staff writer

sent by Lois Payne Hoover

(Towne lineage: William¹, Rebecca² Towne m. Frances¹ Nurse, Samuel², Ebenezer³⁻⁴, Rufus⁵, Stephen⁷⁻⁸, Henry King Nurse⁹, Barbara Elizabeth Nurse m. Leland C. Adams, Jr.)

In many ways, Barbara Nourse Adams seemed to belong to a different, more genteel era.

A descendant of proud San Franciscans, she never went into "The City" without donning a dress and covering her signature pageboy with a matching hat.

She could set an impeccable table and host lively dinner parties, and took her reluctant children to the opera several times a year.

An avid reader and history buff, Mrs. Adams named the family dog Hepzibah, after a character in a Nathaniel Hawthorne novel; the family feline was named Aspasia. After the mistress of Pericles, a famed leader of ancient Greece. She will be remembered for a fierce independent streak; a love of opera; deep interest in genealogy and devotion to her children.

"She was graceful, and a true lady," said her son, Lee Adams, sheriff of Sierra County. "She was a romantic, and she was unique."

Mrs. Adams died Jan. 8 of Alzheimer's related dementia. She was 88 years old.

A native Californian, Barbara Elizabeth Nourse was born Dec. 20, 1917 to Henry King Nourse and wife, Mary Marguerite Nourse on the family ranch near Walnut Creek in Contra Costa County.

After graduating from high school, the lifelong music lover declared that she wanted to take voice lessons and she dreamed of a career as an opera singer.

Fiercely independent and a champion of the underling, she decided to join the Navy after hearing a family friend declare that women shouldn't serve in the military.

She enlisted the next day, joining the Navy WAVES during World War II.

While serving at Alameda Air Station, she met and married Leland C. Adams.

They had two children, Stephanie and Leland III, and worked different shifts so that one of them was always home with the children.

Mrs. Adams worked for Farmers Insurance, Pan American World Airways and the San Franciscan Redevelopment Agency.

Her son remembers a "Wonder Years" existence, thanks to his mother's whimsical personality.

When a profit-sharing program was instituted at her work place, Mrs. Adams declared a profit-sharing day in the household taking her children to San Francisco for a day of shopping and a lunch of liverwurst sandwiches.

Her refined aura was balanced by a healthy sense of humor and zest for life; although she loved operas by Verdi and Wagner, she also appreciated the Village People and owned every album recorded by Tom Jones.

The family moved to San Francisco in 1975.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Adams traveled throughout Europe for months at a time and continued to pursue her lifelong interest in genealogy.

According to the family, her father, Henry King Nourse, was a descendant of Rebecca Nurse, who was hanged during the Salem witch craft trials in 1692.

Her mother, Mary Marguerite Hosmer, was descended from Titus Hosmer, a member of the First Continental Congress, a signer of the Articles of Confederation and a descendant of King Henry II. Mary Marguerite Hosmer was born in 1886 to John A. Hosmer and wife, Lucia Lenora Brewster.

Great-Grandfather John A. Brewster was a California pioneer and was elected surveyor general of the state; as surveyor of Sonoma County, he laid out the City of Santa Rosa.

Other ancestors included several prominent Northern California judges.

"She instilled in me a great sense of history and an appreciation for those who came before us," said Lee Adams. "Now she is with those folks, and that makes me feel good."

Survivors include daughter, Stephanie Grant of Newalla, Oklahoma; son, Lee Adams III of Downieville; brothers, John A. Nourse of Alamo, California, and Robert S. Nourse of Pleasant Hill, California; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leland C. Adams, Jr.; by brothers, Henry King Nourse, Jr. and Stephen Hosmer Nourse.

A memorial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 3 in Trinity Episcopal Church, 201 Nevada Street, Nevada City. The family requested any donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

After reading the obituary for Barbara Elizabeth Nourse Adams in the *Sacramento Bee*, Towne Family Association genealogist Lois Payne Hoover wrote to Sheriff Lee Adams of Downieville. The following is the reply from him.

Dear Lois,

My thanks for your kind words. I love my roots and appreciate the feeling instilled in me.

I accompanied my Mom to the Nurse Homestead in Danvers back in 1991 and visited a second time in 2000. I hope to return next year.

While all genealogy is interesting, I have always appreciated the Nurse connection. The stories of Rebecca and her two sisters were shared with my sister and I from as long as I can remember.

Thanks again for your note.

Lee Adams

Frederick W. Moore, Antique Tractors Devotee

(Sent by Ruth Turner)

(Towne lineage: William¹ Towne, Mary² Towne m. Isaac³ Esty; Isaac, Jr.⁴, Aaron⁵, William⁶ Estey; Fanny⁷ Estey m. Isaac Davis; Calvin; Fred., Eldora Davis m. Frank Moore; Frederick W. Moore)

(Towne lineage: William¹, Jacob²⁻³ Towne, Phebe⁴ Towne m. John⁵ Gould; Kezia⁶ Gould m. Jacob Dwinell; Phebe Dwinell m. William⁷ Estey)

Frederick W. Moore, 69, of 479 Centre Street, Sullivan, New Hampshire, died Thursday morning, June 26, 2006, at his home following a period of failing health.

He was born in Keene on December 4, 1936, the son of Frank and Eldora (Davis) Moore and had resided in Richfield Springs, New York and Stoddard, N.H. prior to moving to Sullivan ten days ago. Mr. Moore graduated from Keene High School in 1954.

Fred was a dairy farmer all of his life, and owned and operated the Locust Lane Farm on Concord Hill in Keene. Even his retirement he enjoyed helping other farmers with planting and harvesting their crops. He was the 8th generation to live on and farm the family homestead on Concord Hill, which was settled about 1769 by his ancestors. In 1987, it was necessary to have more land to farm, so he moved family, herd and equipment to a larger dairy farm in Richfield Springs, N. Y. He loved working with and milking cows. He also ran a sawdust and feed trucking business there. For several years he was a director of the New York Farm Bureau for Otsego County.

The Moores moved back to New Hampshire in 2001 to be closer to family; settling in Stoddard. During the last few winters, he had worked as a seasonal bulk tank driver for the Keene Gas Co., as well as having a small maple syrup operation with his son, Chuck. This last year he spent a lot of time planning and overseeing the building of their new house in Sullivan, which he was able to live in prior to his death.

He was also interested in antique tractors, and was vice president of Cast and Brass (an antique tractor club).

He was formerly active in the 4-H Program first as a member and then a leader. He received numerous medals from 4-H. In 1954 he represented New Hampshire at the 4-H Congress in Chicago as the winner in the Concord 4-H Club. Mr. Moore was a member of Sturtevant Chapel.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Margery (Porter) Moore of Sullivan, his mother of Langdon Place; two sons: Charles (Chuck) W. Moore and his wife Shelly of Sullivan and Daniel P. Moore of Keene; two daughters: Deborah J. Moore of Tiverton, R.I. and Barbara M. Hastings and her husband, Randy, of Richmond; one brother, Reginald Moore of Keene; seven grandchildren: Erica Moore of Charlotte, N.C.; Craig Bourassa of Keene; Matthew Moore of Sullivan; Nicole Hall & her husband Kevin of Marlborough; Christopher Moore of Keene; Stephanie Bourassa of Richmond and Kyle Cavaliere of Richmond, several nieces and nephews, cousins; a sister-in-law Charlotte Jardine and her husband John of Swansey.

He was predeceased by a brother, Frank Moore, Jr. and a sister, Betty Tomberlin.

Services for Mr. Moore will be held Monday Morning at 9:30 at the family lot in Woodland Cemetery, Keene, and will be followed by a memorial service at Sturtevant Chapel, Keene.

Gifts can be made to the Kingsbury Center for Cancer Care.

NEW HAVEN NOTES

by Elizabeth Hanahan

New Haven, Connecticut is a walking city. Sidewalks are wide and flat making it easy to get around on foot. For those locations which are farther than you feel comfortable walking, public transportation is available. There are bus and trolley stops at the corner near the hotel, The Colony Inn. The free trolley runs throughout the downtown area between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Free tours of Yale University are given by Yale students at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and at 1:30 on Saturday and Sunday. The tours last an hour and are preceded by a 15 minute video. For those who prefer to explore on their own, walking tour maps will be available in the Hospitality Room.

A free one hour tour of Grove Street Cemetery, where Ithiel Town is buried along with many other notable people, is given on first and third Sundays at 12:00 Noon. Maps of the cemetery will also be available in the Hospitality Room for those who would like to explore the cemetery on their own.

If you are a fan of Shakespeare and wonder what he looked like, visit the Yale Center for British Art across the Street from the hotel. A special exhibit entitled "Searching For Shakespeare" is being presented through September.

A little further afield: On display at the Yale Peabody Museum, 170 Whitney Avenue, through October 10th is the skeleton on the lowland gorilla known as Gargantua the Great which was donated to the museum in 1950.

Information on local and area events and attractions will be available in the Hospitality Room. If you would like to plan ahead, contact www.INFONewHaven.com

Ithiel Town Papers in New Haven

The Ithiel Town papers, 1801-1855, along with a number of other materials related to Ithiel Town will be available at the Manuscripts and Archives Library at 128 Wall Street, during the week of our meeting (September 12-15).

The library is open 8:30-4:45 Monday through Friday. Laptops and digital cameras are allowed in the reading room, but everything else must be checked in lockers. Pencils and paper are available in the reading room. Anyone interested in viewing these papers will need to register at the desk to receive a reader's card for the day. More detailed information about the materials reserved will be available in the Hospitality Room.

DIGGING THROUGH HISTORY AT DANVERS

The Salem News, July 20, 2006
(sent by Arthur J. & Jean Towne)

DANVERS - It was 314 years ago yesterday that 71 year old Rebecca Nurse was hanged as a witch amid the Salem witchcraft delusion.

On the anniversary of her 1692 execution, a team of scientists and students began the first archaeological dig at her old homestead in Danvers.

Wearing wide-brimmed Indiana Jones styled hats and armed with trowels, sonar and global positioning systems, the team began mapping the 27-acre property off Pine Street and digging test pits to discover how Nurse and subsequent generations have inhabited the homestead over time.

"It's sort of like a NOVA thing happening here," said Glenn Mairo, a homestead volunteer, said excitedly.

Even the preliminary test pits yielded results, as students from Phillips Academy began peeling back

the layers of history, revealing 18th century apothecary bottles and leather shoe soles and the base of a 17th century drinking mug made of brown glaze pottery—perhaps an item Rebecca Nurse's family used.

Malinda Blustain, director of the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy in Andover, sparked the project, which she hopes to continue for at least the next three summers. She brought on board a team from the University of Southern Maine led by associate professor Nathan Hamilton, who is

Traveling down from Maine every day with his students.

Peter Sablock, chairman of the Salem State College geology department, is also working on the exploration this week and will bring Salem State students to do field work this fall. Using ground-penetrating radar, he is detecting objects – called "disturbances" – that lie underground such as remnants of vanished outbuildings.

Glenn Mairo will be at New Haven Meeting. It will be interesting to hear what he reports about the dig.

Members for 2006

These are the New and renewal memberships for 2006 as of August 8, 2006. An asterisk * before a name indicates a new member; a "c" means a charter member. Membership category codes are as follows:

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Ipswich, Mass. History

sent by Connie Purvis

"In the case of Henry Bachelor who did not go to meeting. It was not because he had no seat, for the Selectmen added benches and stools as fast as people moved into town to occupy them. It was found that Henry and his wife lived too far from the meeting house; therefore, the Selectmen were empowered by Court to sell his farm and move him to town where he could easily go and hear Mr. Cobbitt dispense the gospel. We sincerely hope he enjoyed Mr. Cobbitt's sermons better than Henry Walton did of Lynn, who said he had as "leave heare a dogg Barke as to heare Mr. Cobbitt preach. *"For which rudeness he was fined by the Court."*

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The Second Book of Modern Verse, 1922

THE CITY

Charles Hanson Towne

WHEN, sick of all the sorrow and distress
That flourished in the City like foul weeds,
I sought blue rivers and green, opulent meads,
And leagues of unregarded loneliness
Whereon no foot of man had seemed to press,
I did not know how great had been my needs,
How wise the woodland's gospels and her creeds,
How good her faith to one long comfortless.

But in the silence came a Voice to me;
In every wind it murmured, and I knew
It would not cease though far my heart might roam.
It called me in the sunrise and the dew,
At noon and twilight, sadly, hungrily,
The jealous City, whispering always—"Home!"

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