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## Welcome New Spring Members!

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 Edmund

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 Japan  
 Jacob

Cynthia Merrian Esty\*\*  
 Chevy Chase MD  
 Mary

Erika Howard\*\*  
 London UK  
 Mary

Maureen & Thomas Hudson\*\*  
 Vista CA  
 Rebecca

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 Frisco TX  
 Jacob

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 Jacob

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 Rebecca

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 Jacob

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 Jacob

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 Bellingham MA  
 Edmund

Scott Towne\*  
 Concord CA  
 Joseph



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## President's Letter



*Dear Family,*

*As we move through this year with all of its unusual twists and turns I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and taking all the precautions to get through this pandemic.*

*Since we have had to cancel the 2020 reunion we will be sending out an email to vote for the new board members soon. Please respond quickly so we can have a new board ready to take over in October.*

*Respectfully,  
Cindy Merton*



## Northwest Regional Annual Reunion Is Canceled due to the Virus.

As we get through the month of August it is obvious that the virus is not going away anytime soon. Therefore Richard Towne has asked to have the reunion next year, July 17, 2021, in Kennewick, WA.

**Please come and join us then!**

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## Welcome New Summer Members!

Burley, Clarence \*  
Spencer, MA  
None

Kerstine, Marilyn Kay Hill \*  
Pearland, TX  
Sarah

Russell, Douglas & Karen \*\*  
Wampum, PA  
Rebecca & Mary

Eads-Brewer, Donna S.\*  
Trumansburg, NY  
Joseph

McMullen, Roberta Patton \*  
Quarryville, PA  
None

Whipkey, David \*  
Wesley Chapel, FL  
None

Edward, David \*  
Prospect, KY  
Rebecca

Miller, Rebecca \*\*  
Freeport, ME  
Mary

Jack, Sarah \*  
Denver, CO  
Rebecca & Mary

Rosenbach, Mary  
West Yarmouth, MA  
Mary



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## The Three Girls: Abigale Williams, Ann Putnam, Jr., Elizabeth Hubbard

Why did the other girls suddenly appear in the story? Betty Paris was obviously suffering stress and anxiety and screamed out in fear of the devil, and possibly her dad. Abigale Williams lived with Betty and was a relative and servant. She saw Betty nursed and cosseted to try to return her to health. The question here is, if Abigale was also acting out her stress or did she see an advantage in pretending she was afflicted?

Now we turn to Ann Putnam, Jr., who lived next door to the Nurse farm and whose father had fought with Francis Nurse over boundary lines. The Nurse and the Towne families supported the Proctors and not the Putnam family in town disputes. Thomas Putnam was involved with the witch accusations from the start of the problems, and he seemed to be a bit of a heavy father and husband. Putnam was the son of a rich man who married the daughter of a rich man but yet they had little, something that seemed to grate on him.

Elizabeth Hubbard lived across town from Ann, but not so far for an active girl to walk and certain to meet up and visit together. We know little about her except she was an orphan who worked as a servant for her aunt and uncle. She had little to look forward to as a servant girl.

So the first three girls that followed Betty Paris into crying and screaming were probably near in age and two were servants to their relatives, the other had a father who was probably pushing her. I can't help but see that they saw an advantage in making their accusations when they did. Ann could easily have been in collusion with Elizabeth Hubbard to set the day of February 25<sup>th</sup> to accuse for when Mr. Parris was out of town with his wife. Ann would be doing her father's bidding, Elizabeth and Abigale could see this as a relief from their constant chores and drudgery.

### Their Victims:

Their choice of victims was quite telling. The first three of them were: Tituba, a slave who seemed to have been rather quick thinking but lower on the social scale than even an orphan servant girl; Sarah Good with a quick temper and tongue who had had a hard life; and Sarah Osburn, an ill widow.

Sarah Good is described as the daughter of a wealthy father who committed suicide and left the family penniless. She married a former indentured servant who was also impoverished and left her in debt after his early death. After she married William Good, they had to sell his farm to pay off the debts. William worked odd jobs to keep the family going, but they wound up sleeping in rented rooms, a barn or stable as the money ran out. After her great childhood, Sarah had become resentful and sometimes cursed or scolded anyone who refused to help. Samuel Parris was asked for help and he gave it not long before Betty was afflicted. Did she curse the girls?<sup>1</sup>

Sarah Osburn had been married to Robert Prince who was related to the Putnam family. When Prince died, Thomas and John Putnam were the executors of his estate. After her marriage to Alexander Osburn a legal battle occurred between the Osburns, Prince's sons and the Putnams.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A Storm of Witchcraft, Emerson W. Baker, page 129.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, page 151

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At the March 1st hearing at Ingersoll's Ordinary or Tavern, "Tituba would prove to be the star witness, for her testimony fully confirmed fears that many witches were loose in Salem, and it unleashed a massive hunt to round up Satan's minions."<sup>4</sup> "She initially denied the charges against her but under Hathorne's hounding eventually admitted she was a witch." Then she went on to describe how she saw Satan and he wanted her to serve him. Further she implicated herself, Good and Osborn and three others from Boston in hurting the girls.

Her confession may have also been forced by Parris beating her before her hearing. She definitely had a flair for fiction as she described all she saw and heard from the devil but apologized for hurting the girls and said she only did it under duress. She could have written fiction, but her confession repeated all the "known" marks of a witch, the familiars and other such. It is likely she had heard Parris go on about witches while serving in his homes.

Tituba was sent to jail and stayed there for twenty-six months. She was released after a grand jury refused to indict her. Parris refused to pay her jail fees of seven pounds. After that she was sold to a new master who paid her fees and she disappeared from the records.

Sarah Good, who was pregnant, denied the accusations against her, to no avail. The girls cried out and writhed. Good then said Osburn was responsible. Hathorne questioned Good's husband William who said she had an evil temper and, "I may say with tears that she is the enemy to all good."<sup>5</sup> She was ordered held for trial. At some point she had her baby, but the baby reportedly died in jail.

After their hearing all three women were sent to jail. Baker quotes John Dunton, "A prison is a grave of the living... 'tis a house of meager looks, and ill smells: for lice, drink, and tobacco are the compound: or if you will 'tis the suburbs of Hell; and the persons much the same as there." Job Tookey described it as "almost poisoned with the stink of my own dung and the stink of the prison having never so much a minute's time to take the air since I came into this dole-some place." Sarah Osborn was sent to jail after the March 1 hearing and died there on May 10, after nine weeks of being incarcerated.<sup>6</sup>

Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> Sarah was the first called to the court to be tried. Various accusations were presented and she was convicted. On July 19<sup>th</sup> she was taken to be hanged at Gallows Hill. Sarah was asked by Nicholas Noyes to confess, she replied "I am no more a witch than you are a wizard, and if you take my life God will give you blood to drink." People remembered her words when Noyes had a hemorrhage, dying while choking on his own blood.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, page 16-17

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, page 18

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, page 18

<sup>6</sup> Ibid, page 23-24



## Genealogist's Corner



**A wish from our newsletter archive for a healthy, happy 2021!**

**A Letter from Bill Towne**

**Elizabeth Hanahan, TFA Genealogist**



In sorting through the files in our Towne Family Association archives, I came across the following letter from Bill Towne, co-founder of TFA. In light of our need to cancel our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion due to the national emergency created by the COVID-19 virus, it seemed appropriate to reprint here. Bill wrote this prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> reunion, but his sentiments about our *family* and his pride in the staying power of our organization are just as apropos today.

William Bradford Towne, Sr. was born in Wakefield, Middlesex County, Massachusetts on 11 November, 1925 to Herbert Ray Towne and Arline Shelton Klinecard (William<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, Edmund<sup>4</sup>, Edmund Brewer<sup>5-6</sup>, George Edwin<sup>7</sup>, Herbert Alphonso<sup>8</sup>, Herbert Ray<sup>9</sup>, William Bradford) He was the co-founder and driving force behind TFA from 1980 until his death on 10 May 1995 in Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina. During that time, he served as president, treasurer, editor, genealogist and historian. (See *About Towne*, volume XXVI, No. 4, Page 61 for more information about him.)

It is with deep disappointment that we will not meet during this, our 40<sup>th</sup> year, to commemorate our own achievement of reaching this milestone as well as to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of William and Joanna Towne, but we remain confident that we will have many more opportunities to come together as a family far into the future.

CORRECTION: The lineage for Bill Towne above inadvertently omitted Jacob. The corrected lineage is as follows: William<sup>1</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Edmund<sup>5</sup>, Edmund Brewer<sup>6-7</sup>, George Edwin<sup>8</sup>, Herbert Alphonso<sup>9</sup>, Herbert Ray<sup>10</sup>, William Bradford.

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THOMS REHABILITATION HOSPITAL  
ASHEVILLE, N.C. 28803

30 August 1992

Dear TFA members, both old and new,

It is with deepest regret that I will not be able to meet with you this year. You all are imbedded deep in my heart and all of you make up "my family." It's our family-ness that accounts for our growth, plus our fine newsletter that holds us together when we can't all meet in person, that forms the backbone of TFA.

We have fought off the skeptics who say family organizations fail after the newness and glitter wear off. We have succeeded beyond expectation and it is with a spirit of pride that I commend you for being a part of that growth.

I had surgery back in early August resulting in the amputation of my left leg. I am now in a period of readjustment and healing at a Rehab Hospital. I'm not certain of my future, but am told I'll walk again with the aid of a prosthesis. How soon is unknown.

But you at the Towne Meeting will carry on and keep TFA Healthy, and strong and growing. Have a great meeting and know I am with you in spirit.

Most affectately,  
Bill Towne, Boarder



## Weddings in the 1600s

### A tribute to William Towne's and Joanna Blessing's 400th Wedding Anniversary

By Virginia Towne

Typical weddings in the early 1600s are difficult to pin down. This was a period of change in the churches in Europe, and England in particular. Henry VIII made himself the head of the Church in England in the 1500s and over the next century the fight between the Anglican Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church made things very interesting. At that point apparently you could get married in a Catholic service if you knew a priest, an English Church service more or less the same with an English priest and maybe his wife. Other beliefs were coming into being and it really depended on who you went to for the marriage, or you just did it yourself.

Weddings had been pretty set until about the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Hopefully you got your family in on it, but the wedding was just to come together, clasp right hands, and say your vows. It could be done secretly, just the two of you, or in front of witnesses which was more certain because someone could then testify you were married, in case one of you tried to get married to someone else. Apparently, there were a number of weddings celebrated in the local tavern even though that venue came to priest's attention.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Catholic Church tried to reign in the marriage ceremony and bring it under church authority. In 1066 William the Bastard invaded England. Those of us who went on the last England trip visited the site of the Battle of Hastings. William was the only son of the Baron of Normandy and inherited the title, despite his parents being unmarried, he took over England where he became William the Conqueror and King of England. Less than 100 years later, Matilda was the only legitimate child of William's grandson Henry I, and there were about twenty bastard sons. In the moral revival by the church, bastards could no longer inherit lands and titles, plus Matilda was a girl. England had no history of Queens and her cousin Stephen had himself crowned. England was in civil war until Stephen's son died and Matilda's son was crowned in 1154.

The sacraments were defined in this period and marriage was among the sacraments, defined as a reflection of the marriage of Christ and His Church. Beginning in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and elaborate ceremony was defined and the correct way of marriage was now known to all. Now banns were called for three weeks, then the couple met on the porch of the church and were asked by the priest if any obstruction to the marriage was known. Then the couple was asked if they would take each other. Then the ring was blessed and the groom placed the ring on the fourth finger of the **right** hand. Then they were blessed, then they moved on to the altar step for prayers, then on to the altar itself where the couple would prostrate themselves. Four people would hold a cover over them, to indicate their old lives were done, and with their rising, a new one was begun. Then the priest said the Lord's Prayer and kissed the groom who then kissed the bride. Now the priest could rest, unless he joined in the feasting and celebrations, until the time to bless the wedding bed since sex in marriage is not sinful.

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## Weddings article continues

With the change from the Roman Catholic Church to the Anglican Church of England and the various monarchs of one or another, things didn't settle down until the mid 1600s. By 1620 when William and Joanna were married, the Anglican Church service might have been somewhat briefer, but I can't see that it was that much different. I imagine handclasp marriages were still taking place where the church wasn't strong, but we know William and Joanna were married at the minster in Great Yarmouth. We can infer from their beliefs and later lives, they were in love. If they were already leaning Puritan, William may not have given Joanna a ring on either hand.

Puritan beliefs by the time William and Joanna were in Massachusetts would have insisted on the couple being loving and then the marriage would have taken place in most likely the bride's family house. The minister might have been there to hear their vows but weddings were not a sacrament. Strong families with a father and mother who could lean on each other were the ideal. Marriage was for procreation and rather expected of people, but many people didn't marry. Money was not a prime mover in the selection of a mate, but liking and affection, at least according to the precepts of the time.

Joanna's age of twenty-four was normal for a first marriage, in fact could be a bit low. William at twenty-one meant that he had to have been well off for his station. Marriages in that age were often delayed until the husband and wife could gather enough to make marriage possible. Yet they and their children were able to marry in their twenties. William was a good provider, Joanna would have made every "pence" count.

1Matilda (1102-1167) [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/matilda\\_queen.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/matilda_queen.shtml)



### **Cancellation of 2020 Towne Family Association Reunion**

It is with great sadness that the Towne Family Association regrets to inform Reunion attendees and membership that the September 2020 Annual Reunion in Massachusetts has been cancelled due to circumstances surrounding that State's guidelines pertaining to the Coronavirus and for the safety and health of all TFA members.

Upon reviewing the most recent Massachusetts guidelines, visitors from non-New England States are to self-quarantine for 14 days. Their Phase III status could potentially move back a phase in reopening, if things get worse. And, they won't move onto the next phase until there is a vaccine.

Also, according to the Massachusetts guidelines no more than 25 people can be in the same (indoor) ballroom/event room at once. Also, people must wear a mask and social distance themselves even in the hotel. That is a big issue for our event. A huge "thank you" to Dan Gagnon, our scheduled banquet speaker and Board member with the Danvers Alarm List Coy for keeping the TFA informed.

The Peirce Farm at Witch Hill appears to be booked through 2021 and the TFA will request a new date for 2022. Our group has looked forward to having the banquet in their Carriage House.

On Monday, July 13, the Danvers Historical Society cancelled our Speaker's Event with Drew Darien. Tapley Memorial Hall can only seat 22 attendees rather than 90. They will film Professor Darien's lecture. In September, he will be featured on their Facebook site, "Danvers Historical Society" and YouTube.

The Danvers Alarm List Coy is still pondering how the RNH will be open to the public by possibly limiting the number of people to 8 in each building without guided tours. The latest word is only the property will be accessible without entry to the buildings.

The TFA will refund all registration monies paid *less* monies due for mailing out hats and coins for people who would have picked them up at the Reunion. All hats and coins will be shipped as soon as they are available. All hotel reservations and the room block at the Best Western Plus North Shore have been cancelled. Call Chad Hanson at 978.777.1700 if you still want to book a reservation in September.

There are a couple of fun ideas for Reunion venues in 2021, which will be announced in a future edition of the About Towne Newsletter. (The newsletter had been delayed until this reunion's plans could be sorted out.)

The Executive Board will be working out details for conducting the annual Executive meeting and members will be contacted with the outcome via email or mail; along with ballots for electing Officers. Please contact Barb Cole at [bacole941@embarqmail.com](mailto:bacole941@embarqmail.com) if you are interested in these Executive Board positions – President, Recording Secretary. A Parliamentarian is also needed, which is an appointed position.

Dianna Emerson can be reached at [demersontfa@gmail.com](mailto:demersontfa@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

All of us will miss meeting with everyone this year, but look forward to seeing you next year!

*Dianna Estee Emerson and Rae Russell Johnson*— Reunion Co-Chairs

Dianna Emerson has managed to reschedule the Danvers Reunion for July 6 - 10, 2022. The events and schedule remain the same as it was supposed to be this year in 2020. There will be more details coming out in later editions of the About Towne newsletter. Meanwhile, think and plan for 2021!

## Salmon Family Records

### Mary Towne Estey's mother-in-law Mary Salmon's Family Records

by Karen Johnsen

Charles Farrow continues to provide the Towne Family Association with wonderful records related to the Towne Family. The most recent records are related to Mary Towne Estey's mother-in-law Mary Salmon and her ancestors. Mary Towne married Isaac Estey about 1665 in Topsfield, Essex, Massachusetts. Isaac Estey [Estie] was baptized 17 Nov 1627 St. Peter's Church at Freston, Suffolk, England. Isaac Estey's parents were Jeffery Estey [Estie] (1587-1657/58) and Mary Salmon (b. 1594).

They were married on 1 September 1624 in Old Newton Parish Church in Suffolk, England. Jeffrey and Mary Estey immigrated to America in 1636 and settled in Salem Village Essex, MA with their family. These are the records that provide the paper trail that traces our ancestors back to the earlier 1500's.

The Towne Family Association went to England in 2017 and went to the Suffolk Record Office in Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds, UK and saw these records in person. It was very special to see the actual records. Now members of TFA can see these records by going to our website: <http://townefolk.com>. Thanks to Elizabeth Hanahan, our TFA genealogist, for entering all of this data onto our website. Remember that these are for personal use by members and not to be put on the internet or Facebook. Permission from the record office is needed to copy records.

The direct link is: [http://townefolk.com/testing/TFA\\_EngResearch.php](http://townefolk.com/testing/TFA_EngResearch.php)

Mary Salmon's parents were Richard Salmon and Elizabeth Thomson. They married at the St. Nicholas Church in Rattlesden, Suffolk, England on 9 Dec. 1588. Richard Salmon died before 21 May 1636 in Wetherden, Suffolk, England. He was buried in Mendlesham. The Will of Richard Salmon [spelling in will] of Wetherden in 1636 has reference number IC500/1/92/28 located in the Sudbury Archdeaconry Court Wills.

Richard Salmon's father is John Salmon and his grandfather is Robert Salmon who married Elizabeth. Robert and Elizabeth Salmon are Mary's Great Grandparents. Charles Farrow has just sent us the records for the Original Will and Registered Will of Robert Salmon who died in August of 1589. These records are located in the Suffolk Record Office in Ipswich, UK. The Original Will ref is: SROI: ICAA1/30/213 and the Registered Will ref is: SROI: IC/AA2/32/335. For a transcription of the Will see "About Towne" Newsletter September 2016 VOL. XXXVI. No. 3 pg. 73-76.

We have also received the Will of William Salmon who died in 1533 in Needham Market in 1533. William was Robert Salmon's father. He made a will on 11 Aug. 1533 in Needham Market, Suffolk, UK. The ref. number for the will is IC/AA2/11/121. Charles Farrow has transcribed this will and it can be read on Pg. 42 of About Towne Vol. XXXVI. No. 2.

We have also received the Will of William Checheley of Creting St. Peter made 16 Dec. 1496. The Will was transcribed by Charles Farrow and can be read on page 40 in our About Towne Newsletter Vol. XXXVI No. 2. This is the first documentary evidence of a Salmon in this area. In his Will he states, "Also the seyd William my sone to paye to William Salman or to Elisabeth his wyffe wiche of them levyth longest 10 marcs of good & lawfull mony of Ingland in fyve yeers after my decess [*decease*] of the said tene-ment in Stowe". [About Towne Newsletter Vol. XXXVI No. 2 pg. 40]

#### References:

About Towne Newsletter Vol. XXXIX No. 3 pg. 73 tells about Isaac Estey's mother Mary Salmon.

About Towne Newsletter for June 2016 Vol. XXXVI. No. 2 "The Salmon Family of Suffolk: Part I" pages 39-42. About Towne Newsletter for September 2016 Vol. XXXVI. No. 3 "The Salmon Family of Suffolk: Part 2" pages 70-76.

These articles by Charles Farrow our consulting Genealogist are excellent and help you learn all about the Salmon Family.



# Best Cooks in Towne



## Tri Colored Tortellini with Sundried Tomatoes & Garlic Alfredo Sauce

Cindy Merton

This is always a easy go to meal.

Serves 4

1 pint of whole cream

1 stick of butter

3 cloves of fresh garlic minced

1/4 cup of Julienne cut sundried tomatoes

8 oz block of parmesan cheese (shred)

1 pkg of Tortellini (tri color)

Melt butter in a skillet, add garlic and sundried tomatoes. Sauté until the butter takes a red glaze. Add the whole cream and let come to a boil. Add shredded parmesan cheese and bring to a boil again. Turn heat down to low and let simmer until it thickens a little

Boil the Tortellini according to the directions of the package. When the sauce and pasta are ready combine, add salt and pepper to taste.

You can add any kind of meat and vegetables you want and to increase the amount of servings just double the receipt for each 4 more people you are adding. Serve with a fresh salad and French bread with butter.

Go to the cookbook page of our website for additional recipes.

[http://townefolk.com/testing/TFA\\_COOKBOOK.php](http://townefolk.com/testing/TFA_COOKBOOK.php)

**Do you have a favorite family recipe? Send it to Elizabeth at [HanahanTFA@aol.com](mailto:HanahanTFA@aol.com)**



## Arthur Cleveland "Cleve" Towne 1925 ~ 2018

Arthur Cleveland "Cleve" Towne was born September 13, 1925 in Oak Park, Illinois to Arthur C. Towne and Clarice (Gloppe) Towne. At the age of 11, Cleve began a professional acting career in stage and radio in Chicago. He was a member of the Jack and Jill Players, and was featured in many radio productions, serials, and soap operas on NBC, CBS, and WGN. Cleve attended Austin High School, and as part of the Austin High Gang (as they were known in jazz circles), Cleve played drums with a big band called the Modernaires.

After high school, Cleve attended Chicago Teacher's College for a short time before entering military service in World War II. At the age of 18, he was called for active duty and began serving in Army intelligence in Europe. He and his young crew known as "The Quiz Kids," were tasked with reconnaissance work, and scouted US troops into liberating concentration camps at Dachau and Buchenwald.

After the war, Cleve went to work at NBC in New York. Feeling restless, he visited St. Patrick's Cathedral where he felt called to the ministry. He left New York to attend St. Olaf College where he earned a degree in Psychology in 1949. After graduating he enrolled in Luther Seminary where he graduated with a master's degree in 1952.

Cleve was ordained at Salem Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan, where he served as youth pastor. Cleve's ministry took him to several parishes over his career. He served Huron Lutheran Church in Huron, South Dakota; Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt, Michigan; and Rocky River Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio. In the mid-sixties, Cleve moved to a new mission church - Immanuel Lutheran - in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, where he served for nearly nine years.

After serving Farmington Evangelical Lutheran Church in Farmington, Minnesota, Cleve entered the chaplaincy programs at Metropolitan Medical Center and Fairview Riverside. Cleve loved the chaplaincy, and felt that ministering to people in need of spiritual care was his truest calling. After serving at Exira Lutheran Church in Exira, Iowa, Cleve retired from active ministry in 1982 and began his third career working at Lutheran Brotherhood.

In 1984, Cleve married Karla Kauffman at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. In 1991, Cleve officially retired and became a full-time stay at home dad to his young sons, and became primary care giver for his aunt Audrey Gloppe Hoyt a few years later.

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Cleve's grandmother spent long periods of time praying every day. One of her friends from Norway told of an emotional experience of becoming Christian, and Cleve told his grandmother, "Oh Grandma, maybe I should fall away from God and then I can have a wonderful experience like that." She told him, "Oh, no, Cleve (she pronounced it Kee-vee), you will always be a child of God." Cleve's grandmother died when he was 11, but he felt her unconditional love for him throughout his life.

Cleve's grandfather worked as a tailor on Michigan Avenue, and Cleve learned to sew at his side which led to him sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief in his retirement. After his grandmother died, Cleve's grandfather and uncles began fixing up and selling houses in Chicago, where Cleve learned carpentry and woodworking skills which he has passed down to his own children, through building an A-frame cabin on Hope Lake near Litchfield, Minnesota and building an upstairs addition to the family home so that his aunt Audrey could live with Karla and Cleve in her final years. Cleve has been a prolific furniture builder, making things for family and friends over the years, usually based on a photograph or rough sketch.

Karla and Cleve have been members of Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer for nearly 30 years. In recent years, Cleve read extensively and continued to spend hours every day in meditation, prayer, and scripture reading. His Bible was so marked up he could hardly read it. Karla gave him a new Bible one year and even though he was color blind, he was able to discern that the words of Jesus were printed in a different color. He often said that "if we just stuck to the words written in red, we'd be okay." He was thankful for the opportunity to preach the word of God and to share the love of Christ.

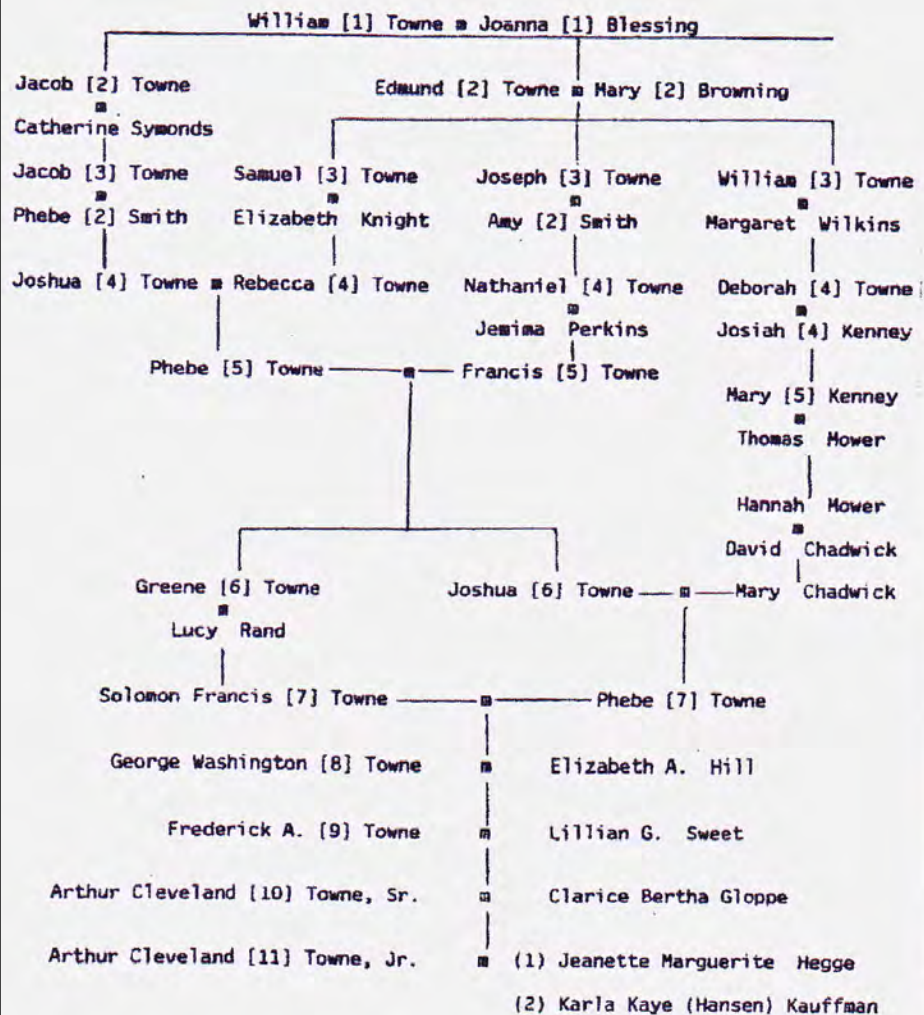
Cleve frequently said that one of the greatest blessings in his life was the sustaining love he received from his wife and his children. He loved his children deeply, and was very proud of each of them. Cleve is survived by his wife, Karla, their sons Kris Kauffman (Kate) and Colin Towne. Grandchildren Tyler, Olivia, and Hailey Kauffman. Children from his first marriage, Gregory Towne (Shirley), Deborah Dybdahl (Murray Eaves), Cynthia Dillion (Ron), Nancy Hennen (DeWayne), Lynn Unger (Harry), and Mark Towne (Marianne). Twelve grandchildren: Mindy Michael, Stacy Adelman, Sarah Towne, Jenny Morales, Anders Dybdahl, Kjell Dybdahl, Justin Reckmo, Melissa Morisawa, Peter Hennen, Nicole Hennen Johnson, Ashley Towne, Jonathan Towne, several great grandchildren; and dear friends Jeff and Lois Thompson.

Cleve's descent from William and Joanna Towne is rather complicated and multi-faceted. It is shown in detail in a chart on the next page.

**The many connections of Rev. Arthur Cleveland Towne, Jr. to the  
Towne Lineage of William and Joanna Towne**

**TOWNE LINEAGE**

**of Rev. Arthur Cleveland Towne, Jr.  
5896 Sunrise Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419**



The above lineage of Reverend Arthur Cleveland Towne, Jr., with its seven lines leading back to William Towne and Joanna Blessing, has the most connecting Towne lines of any lineage that the Towne Family Association, Inc. has on record.

If anyone has one that has even more complexities, please let the editor know.

Originally done by Shirley Drury Patterson, TFA Genealogist in 1992.





## Harriet Adelia Johns

May 1922—May 2020

*Her Legacy:* **Harriet Adelia Johns** was born on May 16, 1922 in her grandmother Mary Emma Taylor's home in Santa Clara, California to Clifford Romeyne Johns and Ruth Juanita (Taylor) Johns. She passed away May 12<sup>th</sup> just 4 days shy of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. Harriet went to Hoover Jr. High in San Jose where her father was a teacher of PE and math. She then went to Campbell Union High School. She attended San Jose State College majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in music

graduating with high honors. Here she met and married Harrill Dean Johnson on 24 Dec. 1942. They had two daughters Karen Adelia and Linda Lee. Beginning in 1948 they lived in Petaluma, CA. After Harriet's youngest daughter was in Jr. High, Harriet became a Nursery School Teacher at the Petaluma Parent Co-Op Nursery School. Harriet was always a faithful church member attending The First United Methodist Church of Petaluma where Harrill was the choir director and the whole family sang in the choir. He passed away in January of 1996. She subsequently married Harold Vernon Johns in September, 1997. They moved to Oroville, California where they became active members of the Calvary Baptist Church. Her faith was very important to her. Harold died in Oct. 2019. Harriet was a devoted wife and mother and had many friends. She was very generous and caring of others. She remembered everyone's birthday with cards and a phone call singing "Happy Birthday." She sent and received cards for all occasions. The final measure of a life is not how much money is accumulated from hard work or luck, or the stature of one's education or advanced social position. At the conclusion of life, the measure of a life comes from the love given and received from family and friends. She had remained committed to truth, neighbor, beauty, and faith in God.

*Her Family:* She is survived by her daughters Karen (& Stan) Johnsen and Linda (& Robert) Ramage; granddaughters Wendy (& Jason) King, Jill (& Bart) Evans, Laila Adora and Amy (& Kevin) Shane; great grandchildren Allison, Will, Luke and Matt King, Ian Evans, Benjamin Rossiter and Beau Lambrecht. She is also survived by two step sons Vernon (Mary Ann) Johns, Gordon (Cora) Johns and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*Her farewell Service:* Her "Celebration of Life" service was held on ZOOM on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, her actual birthday, at 11AM.

Harriet's descent from William, Joseph Towne, John Towne, John Towne Jr. (who married Mercy Towne), William Towne, Sarah Towne, Luther Richardson, Adelia Richardson, Clifford Johns, Harriet Johns.



## Shirley Drury Patterson

We are sad to report the death of TFA past President Shirley Drury Patterson of Loveland, Colorado, June 14th. **Shirley was president from 2005-2008 and was newsletter editor 1988 - 2008. Shirley was also working in our family genealogy for well over the ten years, and a great many entries in our database can be attributed to her. Her husband James (Jim), who survives her, was parliamentarian and was known for his humor and friendliness.**

Myrtle Tidel (past president 1992-1998) explained that the two couples would frequently go places together and explored the history of Calvin Coolidge at one reunion and did other historical or genealogical exploration while at reunions. She explained that Shirley was a fast friend who, although busy, always had time for a friend.

Shirley was born in Loveland, Colorado, to Carl Walter Drury and Muriel Avis Scheaffer December 30, 1933. She was editor of her Longmont High School yearbook and newsletter, where she graduated in 1951. She also was editor of the Atlantic Wave and Columbine Brewgle newsletters. She had a number of literature awards and was in the "Who's Who of American Women 2004-2005". Her genealogical research of over 40 years are documented in her writings and publications in the Library of Congress.

A first marriage, which ended in divorce, to Donald Eugene Loomiller in 1953 gave her two children: Craig Loomiller in 1955 and Cynthia Anne Loomiller in 1957.

She married James Riley Patterson 28 Mar 1971 at Longmont, Colorado. They had 39 happy years together. She is survived by her husband Jim and her children Craig Loomiller and Cynthia Loomiller Sandifer. She also leaves 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday June 19 followed by a reception at her daughter's house.

**We would like to express TFA's appreciation for all of her dedicated work over the years. It was greatly appreciated by all.**

Shirley's descent from William: Jacob, John, Ephraim, Silas Town, Asa, Asa, Asa Towne, Elizabeth Towne Drury, William, Carl, Shirley Drury Patterson

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