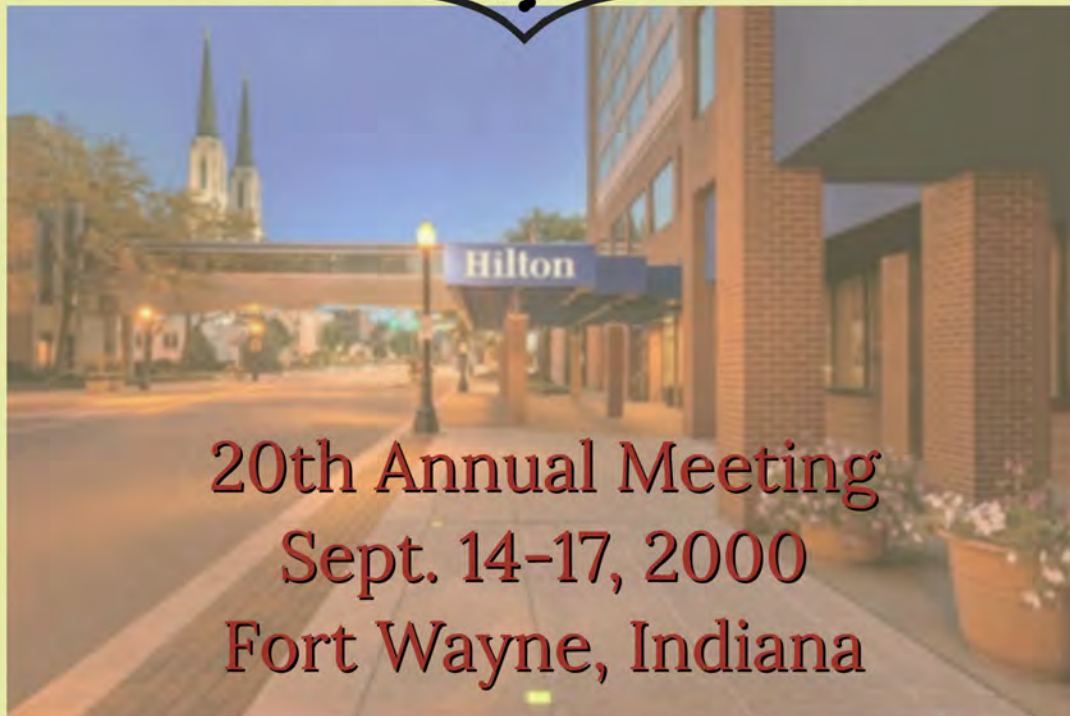


A collage of several Hilton hotel buildings, including a large brick building with a glass skybridge and a modern high-rise, set against a light green background.

Towne Family

TFA

Association, Inc.



20th Annual Meeting
Sept. 14-17, 2000
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Towne Family Association, Inc.

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20th Annual Meeting Committee

	Myrtle & Lucian Tisdell
Registration	Treva Miller & Jan Purvis
Hospitality Room	Shirley & Jim Patterson Myrtle & Lucian Tisdell Vic & Connie Purvis Treva Miller
Hospitality Room Food	Treva Miller
Still Photographer	Barbara Baylis
Roving Photographers	Jean Morris Sharetta Lawson
Sales	Sally Baugues
Tour Guides	Aaron & Elizabeth Smith Rex Dodge
England Display	Ray & Susan Towne
Name tags	Jan Purvis
Ribbons on Nametags	Connie Purvis
Banquet Host & Hostess	Laura & Dale Phillips Liz Tisdell

BANQUET

Saturday, September 16, 2000

5:00 Still photos in Lobby with Barbara Baylis

5:30-6:30 P.M. - Social Hour - Cash Bar

Mistress of Ceremonies Myrtle Rivers Tisdell

DINNER

6:30 P.M.

Invocation Elizabeth Tisdell
Entertainment Scott W. Mertz
Speaker Curt Witcher, MLS, FYGA

Executive Board Meeting
Foster Room, Fort Wayne Hilton Hotel
Fort Wayne, Indiana
September 15, 2000

Present were: Connie Purvis, President; Shirley Patterson, 1st Vice-President; Wilber Purvis, Treasurer/Parliamentarian; Myrtle Tisdell, V.P. Programs; Barbara Patterson, Executive Secretary; Barbara Baylis, TFA Chief Genealogist; Arthur Towne, Jr., VP Publications; Eleanor Towne, Publication Compiler; Wayne Riggle, Recording Secretary; Joan Towne Stevens, Liaison for 2001 Trip to England; Jim Wolfhorst, guest.

President Connie Purvis called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. It was asked that we have a moment of silence for those members who had passed away in the past year, they being: Donna Moore; Priscilla Cook; William Towne and Marian McGuire.

Joan Stevens gave a brief presentation on the trip to England planned for 2001. Participants would leave Boston on Sunday night, September 24, 2001; the weekend of the 2001 TFA reunion and would return on October 4, 2001. The trip is being handled by Ancestral Tours at 24 Murray St., Norwalk CT 06851. Tele. 203-846-8911. Jim and Laurie Ann Bolles are the contact persons at Ancestral Tours. Internet: www.ancestraltours.com

The minutes of the 1999 Executive Board Meeting were approved without dissent by a motion from Shirley Patterson and seconded by Arthur Towne, Jr.

The minutes of the 1999 TFA Annual Meeting were approved without dissent by a motion from Shirley Patterson and seconded by Myrtle Tisdell.

Barbara Patterson, Executive Secretary, reported that we have 79 new and renewing members. We are starting to gain and hold new members who are strengthening our total membership with resultant gains in our financial strength.

Wil Purvis announced that we had increased our unrestricted funds by \$2600 this year. He will revisit the subject of bonding the treasurer this year. The treasurer's report was nominated for acceptance by Wayne Riggle, seconded by Arthur Towne, Jr. and accepted without dissent.

Myrtle Tisdell, VP of Programs, reported a total of 88 persons had signed up for this annual TFA reunion with the possibility of a couple of more late registrations from CT. Discussion was held on the possibility of getting registration done on the Towne website. Discussion was held on increasing registration fees by \$5 for late registration to start with, because of confusion late registration creates and the extra efforts need to accommodate these persons. The late fee increase of \$5 was approved by all present. It was brought forth by Wil Purvis that any agreement from a hotel regarding signing a contract for anything should be reviewed by another person.

VP of Publications, Arthur Towne, Jr. reported that the 1st class mailing of the newsletter had resulted in people getting their mail in about a week versus a month with old mailings. Indexes of the first 19 years of the newsletter are now available for sale. Arthur's report was accepted without comment and acceptance of the report was initiated by Myrtle Tisdell and seconded by Barbara Patterson.

Barbara Baylis, Chief Genealogist, reported that the 4-5 generations book discussion with the associate genealogists would be held at the Fort Wayne Library at 2:30 pm this afternoon. A report on the meeting will be given to the membership Saturday on the results. More responsibility is

being turned over to the associates and they now have updates on the data base along with hard copies of the printouts. Jim Roome will remain as the data base coordinator. The associates will be responsible for making any new corrections to their line and in turn mailing that information at least once per year to Jim Roome. He in turn once each year will mail the most up to date records of the data base to the Chief Genealogist and President of TFA. A "Topsfield/Towne" website which was being run by a Texas man was given to TFA because he no longer wanted to use and maintain it. Barbara Baylis will coordinate its absorption into our present websites with Bill Goebel, who is coordinating TFA efforts in websites. It was agreed that no information on living members would be published or reported out to protect privacy. Her report was approved for acceptance by Wayne Riggle and seconded by Arthur Towne, Jr.

The President brought up the fact that Jean Towne wants to resign as Prospective Member Chairman. She was persuaded to remain this past year, but definitely wants off next year. Discussion of a replacement was made and it was determined that the job could be done using the website and current application for membership we currently use for inquiry from Barbara Patterson, executive secretary. No formal motion to approve was needed from the committee.

Editor of the newsletter reported that she has a backlog of military articles to publish and is proving to be a popular feature of the newsletter. The subject of advertising in the newsletter was discussed. The possibility of taking professional genealogist's advertising would fit into the Associate Genealogists possible need to refer people to them if they could not resolve a relationship. No decision was made on advertising. A discussion was held on what to do with the old computer and equipment Shirley Patterson had that is TFA owned. It was decided Shirley should offer it free to some senior center or needy group, with the understanding that it would require some monies to fix the on/off switch.

Emma Mosher will take the responsibility for putting together the 2000 scrapbook. She wants to defer this responsibility after this year. Barbara Patterson will upgrade the booklet put together by Emma on "How to Do a Reunion."

The new nominating committee will consist of Emma Mosher, Jean Maris and President Connie Purvis will ask for someone to volunteer at the annual meeting. If no one volunteers she will ask Ella Mae Pero to serve.

A donation of \$100 to the Nurse Homestead was approved, and discussion was held about giving \$150 to Allen County Public Library for their kind efforts in hosting our group and furnishing a free meeting room for our meetings, plus providing our speaker for the banquet. This amount of \$150 was approved for a gift.

It was announced that Jean Weston and Barbara Patterson will cohost the 2001 Annual Reunion in Portsmouth NH and that Wil and Jan Purvis will cohost the 2002 Annual Reunion in New Orleans LA. Further years out will be brought up to the membership for discussion at the annual meeting.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made at 11:50 A.M. by Wayne Riggle and seconded by Myrtle Tisdell.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne M. Riggle
Recording Secretary

TOWNE FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 14, 2000

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Allen County Public Library is open.

9:30 a.m.

Meet in the Hilton Lobby for tour to Lincoln Museum followed by a tour of the Botanical Gardens

Noon

Registration Opens
Fort Wayne Hilton Lobby

3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room open
Late registration in Hospitality Room



Sept. 16, 2000
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Vic + Connie PURVIS



Sept. 16, 2000
T.F.A. Fort Wayne, IN
Lucian + Myrtle TISDEH



Jim + Shirley PATTERSON



Wayne + Ruth RIGGLE



Will + Jan PURVIS



Arthur + Eleanor TOWNKIN



Jean MARIS



Friday, September 15, 2000

Breakfast on your own.

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room open.

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Allen County Library is open.

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Executive Board Meeting - Foster Room (2nd floor)

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Allen County Public Library has offered a room for our use today. The Associate Genealogists will be at the library to assist those who might need help.

9:30 a.m.

Meet in the Hilton Lobby for your to Lincoln Museum, followed by a tour of the Botanical Gardens.

9:30 a.m.

Tour of the Genealogical Section of the Allen County Public Library. Meet in the room provided for us at the library.

Lunch on you own or with Towne cousins.

1:00 p.m.

Tour of the Genealogical Section of the Allen County Public Library. Meet in the room provided for us at the library.

1:30 p.m.

(or immediately after lib tour)

“HOW TO” by Barbara Baylis. This is a mini class on how to do your genealogy. For more information look in your packet.

2:30 p.m.

Associates Meeting with Barbara Baylis in the room provided by the library.

6:30 p.m.

Dinner out. This is “Dutch Treat” Place to be announced. Meet in Hilton Lobby.



L-R. Kristina PHILLIPS, Bryan BAKER,
Shastin, Jessica, & Jasmine PURVIS
Connie PURVIS, President - MISSING - Joshua PHILLIPS



L-R. Lotte TOWNE, Dick NEWMAN, Warren S. TOWNE
Betty NEWMAN, Ella Mae TOWNE PERO

Saturday, September 16, 2000

Breakfast on your own or with Towne cousins.

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Hospitality Room open.

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Allen County Library is open. We hope you do attend our TFA functions of the day.

Lunch on your own or Finger sandwiches and veggies in Hospitality Room before meeting.

12:00 Noon - 3:30 p.m. Annual Meeting. Hamilton Room
Sales open before, during and after meeting.

5:00 p.m. Still photos with Barbara Baylis in Hilton Lobby. Lets have everyone participate.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Social Hour - Cash Bar. Hamilton Room

6:30 p.m. Banquet/Entertainment/Speaker. Hamilton Room.

Sunday, September 17, 2000

TFA Breakfast canceled. Your refund checks are in the envelope with your banquet tickets. Breakfast Bar in Diner at the Hilton. Sign up sheet in Hospitality room.

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Allen County Public Library is open.





Jim + Marie Roome



E. Louis, Rick, Irene, & Virginia
TOWNE



KRISTINA Phillips
YOUNGEST - 12yrs

WAIDO JONES
OLDEST - 84yrs

TFA, INC. ANNUAL MEETING
Hamilton Room, Fort Wayne Hilton Hotel
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Saturday, September 16, 2000

President Connie Purvis called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M. for the twentieth annual meeting. The membership was welcomed and a roll call of officers was held. Officers present were: Connie Purvis, President; Shirley Drury Patterson, Vice President; Barbara Patterson, Executive Secretary; Wilber Purvis, Treasurer; Myrtle Tisdell, V/P Programs; Wayne Riggle, Recording Secretary.

A quorum of members was declared and the business meeting proceeded.

A roll call of first attendees to an annual meeting determined that we had 20 new attending members present with several more who would be attending the annual banquet.

A roll call of charter members determined that we had three, who were Ella Mae Pero and Myrtle and Lucien Tisdell.

The persons coming the furthest distance were Jim and Dolowries Wulfhorst of Sunnyvale, CA.

The oldest member present was Waldo Jones at 83 and the youngest member present was Kristina Phillips at age 12.

A moment of silence was held for those who were deceased in the past year. They were Donna Moore (a charter member), Priscilla Clark Cook, Wilton Kenneth Towne, Zeruah Roberts, and Marian McGuire who was 90 years old. Her obituary will be put in the next TFA newsletter.

Greetings from Barbara Holden, Vince Hangman, Nina Selvedge, Charles Perkins Towne, Katrina Hulse, Garth Towne and Emma Mosher were read by President Purvis which were messages of good cheer and best wishes for a good meeting.

Myrtle Tisdell gave an update on the meeting registration that 88 persons were registered and more were coming to the banquet tonight. She mentioned that Curt Witcher, our guide at the Library would be our speaker at the banquet tonight. Twenty states were represented in the registrations.

A break was called for in the meeting for refreshments and the meeting was called back to order at 1:40 P.M.

The minutes of the 1999 TFA meeting were approved as printed in the TFA newsletter by a motion by Roy S. Towne and seconded by Jim Roome. A voice vote of the members approved with no dissent.

The recommendations of the Executive Board meeting on Friday, September 15th, were read to the membership. They were approved by motion by Roy S. Towne, seconded by Dick Newman and approved by the membership without dissent.

The treasurer's report was read and approved by a motion by Roy S. Towne, seconded by E. Louis Towne and by the membership by voice vote without dissent.

A request to donate \$100 to the Nurse Homestead and \$150 to Allen County Library was approved by a motion from Roy S. Towne and seconded by Jean Maris and approved by the membership without dissent.

The vote to allow \$300 for maintaining a website for the first year was mentioned and Bill Goebel reported that he had not spent any monies in the past year. He is working to set up a "free" website by getting a host to list on the website who will

pick up any costs involved. Bill will take care to link up Jim Roome's old website with Barbara Baylis's website and his own. The future of Towne genealogy will belong to the grandchildren who will be internet involved.

The report of the nominating committee was as follows:

President.....Connie Purvis
Vice President.....Shirley Drury Patterson
V/P Programs.....Jean Weston
V/P Publications.....Arthur Towne, Jr.
Executive Secretary.....Barbara Towne Patterson
Treasurer.....Wilber Purvis
Recording Secretary.....Wayne M. Riggle

There were no further nominations from the floor.

The nominating committee report was accepted by motion by Jim Roome, seconded by E. Louis Towne and passed without dissent from the membership.

The new nominating committee for next year will be Emma Towne Mosher, Jean Maris and Ella Mae Pero who accepted the appointment since no one volunteered.

Connie Purvis, the President, gave certificates for outstanding members to Arthur A. Towne, Jr. and wife Eleanor Towne; Ella Mae Pero; Jim and Marie Roome, Ann Tuohy, and Shirley Patterson. These are the members of the publishing team. Connie Purvis read a statement, written by Shirley Patterson, regarding each outstanding member. Their pictures were taken and will appear in the TFA newsletter.

Barbara Baylis, chief TFA genealogist, gave a report on the meeting held Friday, September 15th at the Allen County Library with the Associate Genealogists on the status of where the publication might be in regard to publishing the first four or five generations of Towne ancestry. She reported that the Associates feel that a March 2001 target date for finishing this will be possible and it will be ready for the printers at that time.

Barbara Towne Patterson, executive secretary, gave an update on the 2001 reunion. Jean Weston is V/P Programs with Barbara Patterson as assistant. It will be held in Portsmouth, N.H. from September 20-23, 2001 at either the Comfort Inn or The Wynnwood Suites motel. Final preparation was not done as of the meeting, but Barbara, one of the chairmen of the meeting, was going back to make final plans as to which motel we would be using. These dates link up with the English trip planned by Joan Towne Stevens which will leave Boston on Sunday, September 23, 2001.

The 2001 meeting will be held in Portsmouth, N.H. hosted by Jean Weston and Barbara Patterson.

The 2002 meeting will be held in New Orleans LA area hosted by Wil and Jan Purvis.

The 2003 meeting will be held in the Rochester NY area hosted by Jim and Marie Roome.

The 2004 meeting will be held in the Salt Lake City UT area hosted by Barbara Baylis.

The 2005 meeting will be held in the CT area with a host to be found.

There being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jim Patterson at 2:45 P.M. to adjourn, seconded by E. Louis Towne and passed with no dissent from the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne M. Riggle
Recording Secretary



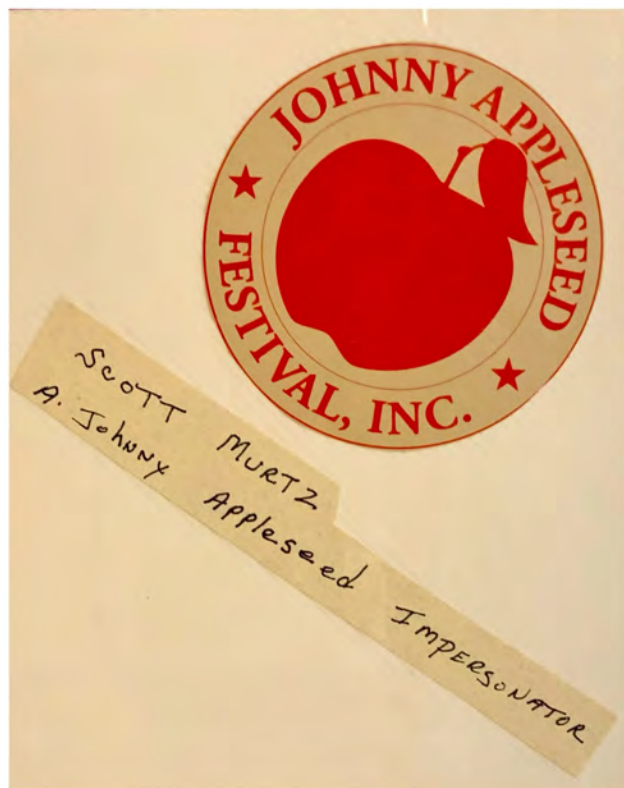
Genealogist: Barbara Roberts Baylis
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Dallas TX 75238-1831



Executive Sec.: Barbara Towne Patterson



L-R. MARTIN, Vic, Will - Purvis Brothers





CURT B. WITCHER, MLS, FUGA

President National Genealogical Society

Curt has served on the NGS Board since 1992 when he was elected NGS Vice President. In 1996 he was elected to serve as a Board Member At Large. He is the immediate past president of FGS, and the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. The NGS President is the Department Manager for the Historical Genealogical Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He received his B. A. in history and English and his M.L.S. in Library and Information Science from Indiana University. Curt is a member of the Genealogy Committee of the American Library Association, holds membership in several genealogical societies, and was co-editor of the 1987 through 1998 editions of the *Peridontal Source Index* - a publication of the Allen County Library Foundation. Curt serves on the Advisory Board of the Passenger & Immigration Index Project for Gale Research, Inc., and was a research consultant for the PBS Series, "Ancestors". He has received numerous awards including the Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Humanitarian Award, the FGS David S. Vogels Jr. Award, the Presidential Citation from GENTECH, Inc. and he was a Kellogg Foundation 1997 Expert in Residence Scholar.

GENEALOGIST Barbara Baylis



Banquet











AWARDS



Sally Bauges
Winner of grand prize



FAMILIES

TISDEL



PURVIS



ARTHUR A.
TOWNE, JR.



E. Louis + Irene TOWN



Waldo + Adele SONES



John + Betty BLANCHARD



Jim + Bonnie AGSTON



Don + Phyllis MOORE



Richard + Jane + TOWNE



Daniel + Donna TOWNE



Roy S. + Jane C. TOWNE



Roy + Susan TOWNE



Tom + Madelin BROCKWAY



Bryan + Katie TOWNE



Don + Phyllis MOORE



John E. + Toni ROBSON



Sally BAUGVE'S (DAU)
Treva MILLER (MOTHER)
Sharetta LAWSON (DAU)



Jim + Dolowries WULPHORST



Bill GOEBEL
Barb



Dick + Betty NEWMAN



Martin + Barb PURVIS (Back)
Shastin, Jessica, Jasmine PURVIS



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Robert + Melva SMITH



Elizabeth HANAHAN



RebeKa TOWNE



Paula MORTENSEN



Lois HOOVER

Sunday, Sept 30 – AM service at ST. NICHOLAS parish church, where William and Joanna Blessing Towne were married, 1620. Six of their children were baptized here. View the memorial plaque placed there during the 1990 tour. Following church service, members will be hosted in parishioners' homes for a leisurely lunch. Returning to ST. Nicholas at 3:00PM for a tour of historical Yarmouth, where the Townes lived. Return to Norwich hotel for dinner and overnight. – (B,L,D)

Monday, Oct. 1 – AM depart Norwich for RATTLES DEN, village of the KIMBALL FAMILY. Here you will visit the church where immigrant Richard Kimball was baptized c. 1595, and view a plaque to Richard. Next visit one of the most picturesque villages in England, LAVENHAM. Lunch on your own in Lavenham, then continue a few miles to the villages of the ESTY FAMILY, HINTLESHAM and FRESTON. You will tour the villages and visit their parish churches. Tour continues to IPSWICH, a town that the Towne family knew well. Check in to the Ipswich hotel, then after a brief rest, take a leisurely walk around Ipswich with Charles. Dinner and overnight Ipswich. – (B,D)

Tuesday, Oct. 2 – Driving south from Ipswich we are headed for CANTERBURY. Outside of the CATHEDRAL CITY OF CHELMSFORD, we will take a short detour to find some ancient American history. We will stop in MALDON for lunch on your own, then on to visit the tiny village of PURLEIGH. This hardly known or visited village is where, in its parish church, LAURENCE WASHINGTON, the great-great-grandfather of GEORGE WASHINGTON, was rector in 1623-43. The church tower is a memorial to Washington, which was built with contributions by Americans. We will continue to CANTERBURY hotel. Check in, and if timing permits, members can attend an Evensong Service at the cathedral. Dinner and overnight Canterbury. – (B,D)

Wednesday, Oct. 3 – Morning tour of Canterbury, then a short trip to CHARING, a village where Townes were large landowners. Here you will visit the historic ruins of the ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE. This grand palace, was once owned by King Henry VIII. As prominent landowners, the Towne family were most likely invited to the palace on several occasions. Lunch on your own in Charing. Next visit NETTLESTED to visit ST. Mary's, where there is a fine stain glass window with the arms of Thomas at Towne, the second of that name, who settled at Throwley. Our final destination of the day will be THROWLEY. Visit the wonderfully preserved TOWN PLACE, built c. 1414, by Thomas at Towne, father of Thomas of Nettlested. Return to Canterbury for dinner and overnight. – (B,D)

Thursday, Oct. 4 – Early AM departure for Gatwick Airport for return to USA. – (B)

St. Mary the Virgin at Blundeston. In the Blundeston/Fixton Parish Registers is found:

**"23 Oct 1564 Henry Towne & Marian Feveryeare"
"20 Sep 1597 John Towne & Elizabeth Clarke"**



St. Mary the Virgin, Blundeston

ENGLAND 2001

(by Joan Stevens)

September 24, 2001 is the date for our next TFA trip to England and specifically East Anglia and Southeast England. We will visit the cities and small villages that our ancestors where our ancestors lived and walked.

"A storied, quiet land, with no spectacular mountains or rivers, no mighty cities, East Anglia is still the guardian of all that rural England holds dear. The Vermont of Great Britain, it delights all with its tulip fields, villages adorned with thatched-roof cottages...Here too are the majestic cathedrals...stately houses...medieval, mesmerizing and magnificent." (Fodor's).

This area of England has produced some of its greatest thinkers, artists and poets. Oliver Cromwell groomed his Roundhead troops here. Few parts of England can claim so many stately churches and half-timber houses. The focus of the trip is the villages and cities where people with the name of Towne worked, attended church, were baptized and married. However we will visit the villages of the KIMBALL, ESTY and BLESSING families, those who married into the Towne family. Opportunity will be available to view ancestral documents.

PARTICULARS: The land package includes: All breakfasts and dinners, four lunches and of course our room at a cost of \$2100-\$2300, depending on the number of participants. A single supplement is available at \$425. We will tour with our guide in a motor coach. BEVERLY TOURS will provide a group air rate to accompany our land package. The current airline provisions for a group rate require a minimum of 20 passengers, we must leave together but we can return on separate flights. (Call Beverly Travel, 1-800-332-1793) to assure the group air rate and travel with TFA friends.)

Place your deposit of \$75 with the form on the adjoining pages to Ancestral Tours.

For questions call (503-254-0845) or e-mail (paintr@pld.uswest.net) Joan Stevens of TFA.



1. NICHOLAS, Great Yarmouth

Monday, Sept. 24 – USA evening departure for Manchester Airport, England

TOWNE FAMILY TOUR TO ENGLAND

September 24 – October 4, 2001

Those family members who went on the 1994 tour, and decide to join us again on the 2001 tour, will be nested with a very dear friend, English Genealogist, CHARLES FARROW. He will again join the tour as your host and guide. Charles has worked years with Jim Rouse researching the Towne family in England.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- BRACEBY, HACEBY, HEYDOUR, Lincolnshire, these villages are only a mile apart.
- NORWICH, you will visit it's famous Cathedral and the many towns and villages in the area with TOWNE connections. GREAT YARMOUTH, BELTON, CAISTER, LOUND, BLUNDESTON, SOMERLEYTON and LOWESTOFT. Lound is where John was believed born, and Blundeston is where John and Elizabeth were married.
- RATTLESDEN, Suffolk, is the village of the KIMBALL family.
- HINTLESHAM, and FRESTON, Suffolk, are villages of the ESTY family
- CAISTER, Norfolk, village where the BLESSINGS family were baptized.
- CANTERBURY, an area is rich in TOWNE'S history. Here you will visit the towns of THROWLEY, NETTLESTED and CHARING.

Thursday, Oct. 4 – Early AM departure for Gatwick Airport for return to USA