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Letter From the Editor

We have learned that the last issue of the *Historian*—the reunion issue, dated October 1983—may not have reached all our members. We ran short of our regular Association envelopes, and some had to be sent in plain envelopes, with no return address.

As a result, those with wrong addresses or incorrect postage could not be returned to us by the Postal Service.

Because of this, we are sending this issue to all 1983 members, whether or not they have renewed their membership.

We do not know how many members may have been affected, but if you did not receive your October issue, with the monument brochure and the 1984 renewal notice enclosed, let us know immediately, and they will be sent to you.

For those of you who did receive the issue, and have not yet sent in your renewal check, please do so right away if you want to remain a member of our Association.

Any member who has not renewed by

February 15 will have to be dropped from our computer mailing list. Since it costs one dollar for each name deleted, and another for each name added, we will have to charge \$17, rather than \$15, for present members who renew after February 15. So, if you haven't renewed, send your check now!

I think it might be interesting to emphasize just what our Association (your Association) has accomplished.

Not only are we publishing a magazine which is really unique, but we are bringing together, in a real sense, hundreds of far-flung cousins who might otherwise never have known the early history of their ancestors, and the role our family has played in American history.

In turn, our growing list of members is providing us with information, family data and pictures which help make our *Historian*, without question, the finest family publication in the land.

Your donations made it possible to erect a monument to our immigrant ancestors on Block Island, another achievement which can be matched by few families.

Our 1983 reunion brought together nearly 200 cousins from throughout the country, and our proposed 1985 reunion in Rathbun, Iowa, should do even better.

We have reason to be proud of our Association and what it has accomplished in three short years!

But, we need your continued help and support to continue our work. Your membership fee makes the *Historian* possible and your active cooperation will help us maintain its quality.

The key to success in compiling a family history lies in one word—research!

Many of you have been most helpful in this regard, but a more concentrated effort is needed. For this reason, we are establishing a nationwide network of "research assistants." They will focus on local records in their own areas, and contact Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns in local telephone books to seek information and recruit new members.

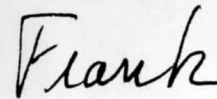
The following members have agreed to serve as research assistants in their areas:

James Chivers, Canton, Ohio.
Rosma Rathbun Limbeck, Ladysmith, Wisc.

Mildred Rathburn, Johnstown, N.Y.
Bettye Rathbone, Austin, Texas.
R. Van Rathbun, Oklahoma City, Okl.
Doris Rathbun Stoppa, Colchester, Conn.

If your area is not covered, please consider volunteering your time and efforts. No special knowledge or skills are needed—just a willingness (and the time) to visit courthouses, libraries, historical societies and cemeteries in your area, and contact Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns in your telephone book for information and possible membership in our Association.

Let me take the opportunity to send to all of you, on behalf of the *Historian* staff, our warm and sincere wishes for a peaceful and happy 1984.



Financial Statement

Income for 1983

Memberships (332 at \$17)	\$ 5,644
Monument contributions	3,202
Sale of past issues	1,636
Reunion T-shirt sales	828
Bank account interest	273
Donations	57
Total	\$11,640

Expenses for 1983

Typesetting and printing	\$3,892
Block Island Monument	2,316
Monument brochure	494
Postage	980
Reunion T-shirts	768
Stationary and supplies	544
Reunion costs	414
Computer mailing costs	414
Research	351
Photographs	279
Telephone	88
Miscellaneous	18
Total	\$10,555

Surplus for 1983 \$1,085

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One of Our Cousins Wrote Sinatra's Latest Hit Song

Arthur Schroeck, one of our members, has been a song writer and musical arranger for many years, but he moved into the "big time" last year when Frank Sinatra recorded Art's song, "Here's to the Band."

The hit tune, first introduced by Sinatra in December 1982, is now a nationwide success, and was heard by millions of television viewers last fall on the Miss America Pageant. It has been printed in the *Congressional Record* and is being used by Sammy Davis Jr. in his nightclub act.

Art Schroeck, 45, lives in Whitehouse Station, N.J., with his wife, Lynda, and their three children. He is the son of Bertha Elizabeth⁹, Rathbun (William⁸ Sidney⁷ Sylvester⁶ James⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹) and Justin John Schroeck.

"Here's to the Band," says Art, was written specifically with Sinatra in mind, but "Old Blue Eyes" was "sold" on the song by his daughter, Nancy Sinatra.

The idea for the song was conceived by two of Art's friends, Alfred Nittoli and Sharman Howe, whose joint effort, originally called "Here's to the Musicians," just didn't click, and they realized it.

They turned to Schroeck for help. He liked the basic idea, but told them it needed work. He then rewrote the words and music, changed the name, and taped it for his two friends in just 24 hours. They were impressed, and they loved it.

"I worked all night in my basement studio," Art recalls. "I finished the words while walking through the streets of New York City. I do a lot of my best work that way."

The song is designed as a tribute to the American Federation of Musicians, band members who rarely receive recognition for their work. Art and his friends saw it as a "natural" for Sinatra, who usually closes his shows with thanks to his musicians.

In September 1981, a demonstration tape was sent to Sinatra, who liked it, but was too busy to follow through on it.



Arthur Schroeck and Frank Sinatra

A year passed, and Schroeck became impatient. With the help of a friend who knew the Sinatras, he arranged for Nancy Sinatra to hear the tape. She was impressed, and called her father on the spot.

Two months later, on Dec. 9, 1982, Sinatra introduced "Here's to the Band" at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City. The response was enthusiastic, and in the following weeks, Sinatra sang it to standing ovations at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas and at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

In January 1983, Sinatra recorded the song and it soon became a national best-seller. When a New Jersey disc jockey played it on the air, he received 450 calls in one day.

Sinatra has predicted that "Here's to the Band" will take the place of "New York, New York" and "My Way" as his unofficial theme songs. "I'm getting sick of those anyway," Sinatra said.

Although it is Art Schroeck's first big hit, he is no stranger to success in the music field.

He has won two Cleo Awards (the equivalent of an advertising Grammy Award) for writing advertising jingles. The first was in 1976 for McDonald's "You, You're the One," and the second was in 1982 for ABC's "Now's the Time, ABC's the Place." He has written songs and done arrangements for Petula Clark, Neil Diamond, The Four Seasons and others.

Music has been an important part of Art's life since he was a boy in New Jersey. At 14, he joined four friends to form a band which played at local clubs on weekends and at Atlantic City during summer vacations.

The day after his graduation from high school, he left for Las Vegas where he became a drummer in a night club band. By 1960, at age 23, he had his own band, The Premieres, which played in Las Vegas and Tahoe until 1965, when he returned to New Jersey.

Lynda, an early friend in New Jersey, had become a singer in Las Vegas.

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Basil Rathbone Won Fame In Sherlock Holmes Role

Probably the most famous person bearing our name in this century was the late Basil Rathbone, the stage and screen star whose striking profile and superb acting ability made him a box office success for some 40 years.

Although he was a highly successful Shakesperian actor on the English and American stage and appeared in 84 motion pictures, Basil Rathbone is remembered primarily for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, the celebrated London detective created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Rathbone was not one of our American cousins. His branch of the family has been prominent in the Liverpool area of England for many centuries, and he undoubtedly descended, as we do, from that early Irish ancestor who settled in England in the 13th century. We will have a story soon on this English branch of the Rathbones, who have an illustrious and fascinating history.

Basil was born June 13, 1892, in Johannesburg, South Africa, where his father, Edgar Philip Rathbone, was a mining engineer in the gold fields. He was christened Philip St. John Basil Rathbone, but was always known as Basil.

The Rathbones left South Africa in January 1896, during the Boer War, when Basil was less than four years old. His father, a friend of Cecil Rhodes, was suspected of being a British spy and had to sneak out of the country on a train, hiding beneath his wife's skirts.

In England, Basil attended the fashionable Repton School, where he was a member of the debating and musical societies, and where he developed a deep interest in the theatre. After graduation in 1910, he worked for a year, at his father's insistence, as a clerk in the family's insurance company. Then he resigned to pursue his real love—the stage.

For the next four years, he toured England, Ireland and Scotland with a Shakesperian company, playing 42 parts in 22 plays. One of his co-stars

was Ethel Marion Foreman, who became his wife in 1914.

By this time, World War I had broken out, and Basil enlisted in the British Army. He was sent to Officers' Training School and commissioned a lieutenant in 1915. He served in France, won a Military Cross for bravery and was promoted to captain. His only brother, John, was killed in France.

Returning to civilian life, Basil resumed his acting career, but his mar-



Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes

riage soon failed. He and his wife separated, to the deep disappointment of his parents. In 1921, he sailed to New York to make his debut on Broadway. Three years later, he made his first motion picture—a silent film—and for several years divided his talents between the stage and screen.

In New York, he met Ouida Bergere, a leading script writer and hostess, and in 1926, he divorced Ethel to marry Ouida. They later moved to Hollywood.

By 1929, as the era of silent movies came to an end, he appeared in the second sound picture made by MGM Studios—"The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," co-starring Norma Shearer. He was an

immediate hit. Tall and lanky (nearly six feet two), with distinctive features and a clipped British accent, he found himself in demand as the typical "English type."

Norma Shearer later recalled: "It was a joy to work with Mr. Rathbone. . . . His beautiful voice, noble features and distinguished bearing made him one of the great gentlemen of his time."

The real turning point in Rathbone's career came with the 1935 classic, "David Copperfield," in which he played the role of the cruel stepfather, Mr. Murdstone. Among his co-stars were W.C. Fields, Lionel Barrymore, Maureen O'Sullivan and Freddie Bartholomew.

The film was a box-office hit, and for the next five years, he was in constant demand, appearing in success after success with such movie greats as Greta Garbo, Ronald Coleman, Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Robert Taylor, Loretta Young, Marlene Dietrich, Charles Boyer, Gary Cooper and Boris Karloff.

He was twice nominated for Academy Awards.

In 1939, famed producer Darryl Zanuck was persuaded to make a movie series based on the Sherlock Holmes stories.

"Who would play Holmes?" he asked. "Who else but Basil Rathbone," was the reply.

That conversation was to change the course of Rathbone's career. It was to make him even more famous; it was also the beginning of the end of his screen career.

In the next eight years, he starred in 14 Sherlock Holmes movies, with Nigel Bruce as his bumbling companion, Dr. Watson. He had a few other roles during that period but he quickly became type-cast as the famous detective of Baker street.

Although he became the popular personification of Holmes, and played the part to perfection, Rathbone realized the threat to his career and refused a contract for further Holmes pictures.

A telling moment came when he was

stopped on the street one day by a group of children seeking his autograph. He asked them who they thought he was.

"Why, you are Mr. Sherlock Holmes, the detective," they replied.

"I will not give you my autograph until you say my real name," Rathbone told them, and stalked away.

Rathbone later described his first Holmes film, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," as "a negative for which I merely continued to produce endless positives of the same photograph. Once you have created a characterization, as I did with Holmes . . . the creative process stops and you simply repeat yourself."

In later years, however, his feelings mellowed.

"Ever since I said goodbye to Mr. Sherlock Holmes, there has lingered somewhere inside me a sentimental attachment to this memorable character," he once admitted.

After the Holmes series, Rathbone never regained his popularity with producers as an "English type," or "screen villain." He made a few pictures in the 1950s, appearing with Bob Hope, Humphrey Bogart, Spencer Tracy and Vincent Price, but his movie career had passed its peak.

He remained popular with his fellow actors, serving as vice-president of the Actors Equity in 1948, and recording secretary in 1949. He and Ouida were rated among Hollywood's favorite party-givers.

In the 1960s, he turned again to the stage, and to radio and television. He appeared as a television guest with Sid Caesar, Milton Berle and Edgar Bergen, among others. He did some 200 radio shows. In 1963, he was invited to the White House by President John F. Kennedy to do a dramatic reading.

In late life, he visited the Liverpool Rathbones' ancestral home, Greenbank, where he had spent many holidays as a child. It was not a pleasant experience.

"At last I knew, and forever," he wrote, "that memories are like forgotten melodies that are best left to sing their songs in the silent places of one's heart."

On July 21, 1967, he died of a heart attack at the age of 75. His second wife,

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*Basil Rathbone and Bob Hope
(Casanova's Big Night, 1954)*



*Basil Rathbone and Tyrone Power
(The Mark of Zorro, 1940)*

Rathbuns and Rathbones Who Served in Revolution

In our last issue, we outlined in general the role of our family members in the Revolutionary War, which made the United States an independent nation. Here we present an alphabetical listing of all the Rathbuns and Rathbones with known military and naval records in the Revolution, and a brief outline of their wartime service. It should be noted that records of that era are incomplete, that others may have served, and these men may have had other service.

AMOS RATHBUN (1738-1817), son of Joshua³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Helped organize a militia company in Richmond, Mass., and was elected captain. Commissioned May 4, 1776, and assigned to the Second Berkshire Regiment, commanded by Col. Benjamin Simonds. After participating in the action at Ticonderoga, early in 1777, his company joined Gen. John Fellows' Brigade in the Continental Army under Col. David Rossiter and later Col. John Brown. Participated in the battles of White Plains, Bennington and possibly Saratoga.

AMOS RATHBUN JR. (1762-1823), son of Amos⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted July 18, 1779, in Capt. Ambrose Hill's Company of Lt. Col. Miles Powell's Berkshire (Mass.) Regiment. Marched to New Haven, Conn., and was discharged Aug. 22, 1779.

ANTHONY RATHBUN (1744-1821), son of Samuel³ (Thomas² John¹) Rathbun. Served in December 1777 and January 1778 and again in July and August 1778 under Captain Joshua Davis in Col. Charles Dyer's R.I. Regiment.

ASA RATHBUN (1756-1812), son of Thomas⁴ (Thomas³ Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Enlisted Aug. 1, 1775, in the Seventh Company of Col. Jedediah Huntington's Eighth Conn. Regiment. Discharged Nov. 16, 1775, and reenlisted March 10, 1777, in Capt. Benjamin Throop's company, First Conn. Regiment. Saw action at Germantown,

Pa., Oct. 4, 1777. Wintered at Valley Forge with General Washington's Army 1777-1778. Saw action at Monmouth, N.J., and Stoney Point, N.Y. Discharged in Dec. 1782 and immediately reenlisted in Capt. David Dorrance's company, Col. Samuel Webb's Third Conn. Regiment. Discharged June 10, 1783, by George Washington. (Copy of discharge appeared in last issue.) Widow, Ruth, received a pension for his service.

ASHLEY RATHBUN (1763-1805), son of Isaiah⁴ (Jonathan³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted Aug. 26, 1781, in the Third Conn. Regiment. Discharged Nov. 14, 1781. Reenlisted February, 1782, at the Henry Tavern, Colchester, Conn., in Capt. Charles Mills' company, Col. Samuel Canfield's Regiment.

BENJAMIN RATHBUN (1747-1819), son of Benjamin³ (Joseph² John¹) Rathbun. Enlisted early in the war and became seriously ill while serving in New York during the summer of 1777. Returned to his home in Colchester, Conn., and reenlisted August 3, 1778, in Capt. Seth Holmes' company, Colonel Chapman's Regiment. The regiment joined Gen. John Sullivan's Army and marched to attack Newport, R.I., then held by the British. Discharged Sept. 29, 1778.

BENJAMIN RATHBUN (1766-1846), son of Samuel⁴ (Jonathan³ William² John¹) Rathbun. Enlisted in March, 1782, at Norwich, Conn., in Capt. Charles Mills' company, Col. Samuel Canfield's Regiment. Stationed at Stonington, Conn., until April 1783. Pensioned at \$36.66 annually in 1834.

DANIEL RATHBUN (1759-1808), son of Daniel⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted June 30, 1777, in Capt. Aaron Rowley's company, Col. John Brown's Mass. Regiment. Discharged July 21, 1777, at Fort Ann and reenlisted July 1, 1778, in Capt. Peter Porter's detachment, Gen. John Fellows' Mass. Brigade. Served four months under General Stark at Albany, N.Y., and discharged Oct. 31, 1778.

DANIEL RATHBUN (1754-1806), son of Valentine⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹)

Rathbun. Enlisted Sept. 13, 1776, in Capt. William Francis' detachment of Berkshire (Mass.) militia and marched to Williamstown from Pittsfield, Mass. Discharged Sept. 21, 1776, and reenlisted July 21, 1781, in Capt. William Lord's company, Col. John Brown's Mass. Regiment. Discharged Oct. 27, 1781.

EBENEZER RATHBUN (1740-1828), son of Ebenezer³ (William² John¹) Rathbun. Enlisted May 1, 1776, in Lt. Stephen Saunders' Second Company of Col. Noyes' R.I. Regiment. Stationed at Boston Neck and South Kingston, R.I., and discharged in April, 1777. Drafted in the summer of 1777 for two months, again for short periods in 1778, and participated in Gen. Sullivan's attack on Newport, R.I. Drafted again for short periods from 1780 through 1782 under Lt. Saunders and Captains John Gavitt and William Blivin in the Rhode Island militia.

EDMUND RATHBUN (1757-1849), son of Jonathan⁴ (John³⁻²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted March 1, 1776, in Capt. Amos Lankton's company of Mass. Militia, saw action at Saratoga, and served at Albany, Fort Ann and Fort Edward and Glen Falls, N.Y. Discharged Sept. 1, 1776, and reenlisted April 26, 1777, for one month in Capt. Lankton's company of Col. John Ashley's Berkshire (Mass.) Regiment. Served several months in the summer of 1777 under Capt. Ezekiel Herrick in Col. John Brown's Mass. Regiment, and again in Capt. Lankton's company. In 1778, he moved to Rhode Island and enlisted March 1 in Capt. Benjamin West's company of Col. John Topham's Regiment. The regiment joined Gen. Ezekiel Cornell's Division, saw action at Portsmouth, R.I., and then joined Gen. Sullivan's Army for the attack on Newport, R.I. Listed as a deserter on Sept. 3, 1778. Returned to Massachusetts and on July 1, 1780, was drafted for six months in Capt. Burbank's company of Col. Sprout's 12th Mass. Regiment. Served at Great Barrington, Mass., and West Point, before

his discharge in December. Drafted again in 1781 but paid \$30 for a substitute. In 1782, volunteered as a substitute for another draftee. In his pension application, Edmund stated that he was trained under Baron Von Steuben, and served for a month in General George Washington's "Life Guard." Pensioned in 1833 at \$63.33 annually.

EDMUND RATHBUN (1737-1801), son of John³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. There is no documented record of service, but Cooley's *Rathbone Genealogy* cites family tradition that he was at the Battle of Bunker Hill. This seems questionable, since Edmund was then living in western Massachusetts and was nearly 40 years old. Wars then, as now, were fought primarily by teen-aged boys and young men.

EZRA RATHBUN (1757-1825+), a former Negro slave owned by Jonathan³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun, who freed him in his 1766 will. Enlisted in February, 1776, in Capt. Levi Wells' company of Col. Samuel Willis' Conn. Regiment and was discharged in January 1777. Reenlisted that same year and served for several years, including action at Roxbury, Mass., Flatbush (Brooklyn) and Long Island, N.Y. Pensioned in 1818.

GIDEON RATHBUN (1736-1810+), son of John³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Listed as a private in the Exeter, R.I., militia Aug. 8, 1778.

JACOB RATHBUN (1753-1778?), son of Jacob⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted May 10, 1775, in Capt. James Noble's company of Col. James Easton's detachment, under Benedict Arnold, later to become America's most infamous traitor. The detachment marched from Pittsfield, Mass., to Quebec in the winter of 1775, in what is one of the most famous military marches in history. It was immortalized in Kenneth Robert' novel, *Arundel*. The Americans struggled for 45 days in bitter weather for 350 miles through ice, mud and snow. Of 1,000 men who began the march, only 600 reached Quebec. Many died of smallpox; other froze or starved to death. The shattered survivors failed in their attempt to take Quebec. General Richard Montgomery, one of the American commanders, was killed, and Arnold was wounded. The survivors made their way home but were so weakened and broken by the experience that many soon died. Jacob Rathbun may have

died soon after his return, or possibly died July 3, 1778, at the Battle of Wyoming Valley, Pa., according to family tradition.

JAMES RATHBUN (1764-1814), son of Valentine⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted Oct. 30, 1781, in Capt. William Wells' company of the Third Berkshire (Mass.) Regiment, saw action at the Battle of Saratoga, and was discharged Nov. 7, 1781.

JAMES RATHBUN (1754-1843), son of Thomas⁴ (Ebenezer³ William² John¹) Rathbun. Enlisted early in 1776 in Col. John Topham's R.I. Militia and reenlisted in the fall of 1776 under Capt. Josiah Gibbs in Col. Joseph Scranton's R.I. Regiment. Later served under Cols. Hawkins and William Barton. Pensioned in 1835 and deposed that he had been in "several skirmishes and battles."

JETHRO RATHBUN (1767-??), son of Coggeshall⁴ (Abraham³ Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Seaman on the *Winthrop*, a privateer commanded by Capt. George Little, from May 21 to Nov. 25, 1782.

JOB RATHBUN (1748-1838), son of Benjamin³ (Joseph² John¹) Rathbun. Served in May 1776 in Capt. Eliphalet Holmes' company of Conn. minutemen.

JOHN RATHBUN (1764-1781), son of Thomas⁴ (Jonathan³ William² John¹) Rathbun. Enlisted March 29, 1781, in Capt. Mathew Smith's company of Col. David Waterbury's Conn. Brigade and was killed in action six days later, on April 4, 1781. He was the only member of our family known to have died in the war.

JOHN RATHBUN (1750-1810), son of John⁴ (John³⁻²⁻¹) Rathbun. Served in the Exeter, R.I., militia in August 1778.

JOHN RATHBUN (1737-1819), son of Samuel³ (Thomas² John¹) Rathbun. Served as sergeant under Capt. David Herrenton in Col. Charles Dyer's R.I. Regiment from Nov. 8 to Dec. 8, 1777.

JOHN RATHBUN (1761-1813), son of John⁴ (Samuel³ Thomas² John¹) Rathbun. Served from July 24 to July 30, 1778, in Captain Joshua Davis' company of the North Kingston, R.I., militia.

JOHN RATHBUN (ca 1762-1802), probable son of Edmund⁴ (John³⁻²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted July 18, 1779 in Capt. Ambrose Hill's company of Lt. Col. Miles Powell's Berkshire (Mass.) Regiment. Served at New Haven, Conn., and discharged Aug. 22, 1779.

JOHN PECK RATHBUN (1746-1782), son of Nathaniel⁴ (Thomas³⁻² John¹) Rathbun. His outstanding record as a lieutenant and captain in the Continental Navy was reported in detail in our issues of October 1982 and January, April and July 1983.

JONATHAN RATHBUN (1765-1843), son of Isaiah⁴ (Jonathan³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted Sept. 6, 1781, and marched to New London, Conn., after its destruction by the British. Reenlisted in February, 1782, at the Henry Tavern in Colchester, Conn., with his brother Ashley in Capt. John Mills' company of Col. Samuel Canfield's Conn. Regiment. The two brothers and three of their fellow townsmen took their "Soldier's Oath" at the Colchester Town Meeting House before a crowd of their family, friends and neighbors. They were sent to Fort Stanwich in Stamford, Conn., where he was discharged Feb. 20, 1783. Became a pensioner and wrote an account of his services which was reprinted in our last issue.

JONATHAN RATHBUN (1762-1824), son of Jonathan⁴ (John³⁻²⁻¹) Rathbun. No documented record of service exists, but Cooley's *Rathbone Genealogy* quotes a family tradition that he was a Revolutionary soldier and served at Lexington and Bunker Hill. His age, 13, makes this unlikely. Cooley also says that his wife, Elizabeth, melted her pewterware and gave it to the Army for bullets. Since she was born in 1770, and they were married in 1785, this story may actually relate to the War of 1812.

JONATHAN COFFIN RATHBONE (1764-1836), son of Coggeshall⁴ (Abraham³ Samuel² John¹). An account of his exciting experiences on several privateer ships during the Revolution was printed in our issue of April 1982. He was refused a pension since his services were aboard privateers rather than U.S. Navy ships.

JOSEPH RATHBUN (1763-1854), son of Jonathan⁴ (John³⁻²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted May 20, 1780, in Captain Burbank's company of Col. Sprout's Massachusetts Regiment, and served at Fishkill, West Point and King's Ferry, N.Y., and at Tappan and Totaway, N.J. Discharged Dec. 5, 1780, at West Point. Pensioned in 1833.

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JOSEPH RATHBUN (1745-??), son of Obadiah⁴ (John³ William² John¹) Rathbun. The family's only known Tory, he was employed by the British Army as a waggoner in August 1781 at Lloyd's Neck, N.Y. After the war, in April 1783, he was among a group of loyalists who went to New Brunswick, Canada, where they received land from the British government for loyalty to the crown.

JOSHUA RATHBUN (1741-1827), son of John³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Served from Nov. 8 to Dec. 8, 1777, as a corporal in Lt. Caleb Davis' detachment of Capt. Gorton's company in Col. Charles Dyer's R.I., Regiment.

JOSIAH RATHBUN (1762-1840), son of Job⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted in 1778 in Captain David Beebe's company of Col. Roger Enos' Conn. Regiment, and again in 1779 in Col. Charles Burrill's Sixth Conn. Brigade "to defend the coast and frontiers of Connecticut" until March 1, 1780. Moved to Massachusetts and enlisted there Feb. 13, 1781, reportedly as a substitute for his father, in Captain Thomas Hartshorn's company of Col. Michael Jackson's Eighth Mass. Militia. Promoted to corporal. Described in a muster roll as five feet, five inches tall, with a light complexion and light hair—one of the few personal descriptions of a Revolutionary soldier. Taken prisoner on the Vermont border and confined until the end of the war.

MOSES RATHBONE (1754-1822), son of Joshua⁴ (Jonathan³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted May 11, 1775, in Captain Levi Wells' company of Col. Joseph Spencer's Second Conn. Regiment, saw action at Bunker Hill and Roxbury, and was discharged Dec. 17, 1775. Drafted in the summer of 1776 in Capt. James Ransom's company of Col. Dyer Throop's Conn. Regiment, and served several months. Called into service again as a sergeant at the burning of New London in September 1781 in Capt. Nathaniel Harris' company. Widow, Olive, pensioned in 1836 at \$24 annually.

NATHAN RATHBUN (1753-1841), son of Thomas³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted in November 1776 for three months in Capt. Daniel Barber's company, Col. Robert Brown's R.I. Regiment, and again for four months in Sep-

tember 1777 in Capt. Samuel Gorton's company, Col. Charles Dyer's R.I. Regiment. Served again in August 1778 under Capt. George Wilcox in Col. Dyer's Regiment during Gen. John Sullivan's attack on Newport. Served four months in 1779 and five months in 1780 and 1781. Part of his service was as a substitute for his brother, Simeon. Pensioned in 1834.

PARIS RATHBUN (1760-1824), son of Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹) Rathbun. Served as a corporal in 1776. Enlisted in 1777 under Capt. Benjamin West in Col. John Topham's R.I. Regiment, and served until 1779. Widow, Elizabeth, was pensioned in 1848.

PERRY RATHBUN (1760-1840+), son of Edmund⁴ (John³⁻²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted June 4, 1778, in Capt. Elijah Deming's detachment of Col. John Ashley's Mass. Regiment and was discharged July 15, 1778.

REUBEN RATHBUN (1760-1807), son of Valentine⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted May 4, 1775, for seven days in Capt. John Strong's company of Mass. militia and marched to Kinderhook, N.Y. Served again from June 22 to August 13, 1777, under Capt. William Francis in Col. John Ashley's Mass. militia and was stationed at Fort Ann, N.Y., from June 30 to July 26.

ROGER RATHBUN (1742-1833), son of Samuel³ (Thomas² John¹) Rathbun. Served in Col. Archibald Crary's R.I. Regiment in 1775 and 1776 under Capt. Thomas Cole. Appointed ensign. Served in 1778 under Capt. John Carr in Col. Crary's Regiment. Was later in Col. James Varnum's Regiment, and was apparently captured, as his name appears on a list of prisoners on the Old Jersey Prison Ship in New York Harbor. Reenlisted April 3, 1782, and served nine months under Capt. William Humphrey in Col. Jeremiah Olney's Regiment. Discharged Dec. 19, 1782, in Saratoga, N.Y. Described as five feet, ten inches tall, with grey hair and light complexion. Pensioned in 1818, described as "a labourer but is now so old (76) he can do but little work." He listed his sole possessions as a case of drawers, looking glass, old chest, six chairs, a meat barrel, six iron spoons, a tea kettle, iron pot, skillet, two pewter platters, a table, iron kettle, tub, frying pan, churn, three knives and forks, with a total value of \$11.48.

SAMUEL RATHBONE (1758-1831), son of Joshua⁴ (Jonathan³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted in May, 1776, in Capt. Eliphalet Holmes' company of Conn. minutemen.

SAMUEL RATHBUN (1736-1786), son of Samuel³ (Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Served in 1775 and 1776 as a lieutenant in Capt. James Sands' company of Block Island (R.I.) militia.

SAMUEL RATHBUN (1748-1840), son of Nathaniel⁴ (Nathaniel³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted July 22, 1777, in Capt. William Francis' company of Col. John Ashley's Mass. militia. Discharged Aug. 13, 1777. Probably the same Samuel Rathbun who served July 4 to July 30, 1778, in Capt. Joseph Draper's alarm company, Col. Archibald Kesson's (R.I.) Regiment under Gen. Sullivan.

SAMUEL RATHBUN (ca 1762-??), possible son of James⁴ (James³ Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Recorded as a seaman, aged 18, at Boston, Sept. 9, 1780, aboard the *General Mifflin*, commanded by Capt. George Babcock. Probably the same Samuel Rathbun whose name appears on a list of prisoners aboard the Old Jersey Prison Ship in New York Harbor. Possibly the same Samuel Rathbun who served on the sloop, *Dolphin*, in 1777.

SCIPIO RATHBUN (ca 1760-1776), an unidentified Negro, possibly a slave or servant of Capt. John Peck Rathbun. Enlisted Jan. 1, 1776, in the Navy and was assigned to the ship *Columbus*, Capt. Abraham Whipple. Died March 3, 1776, at New Providence Island in the Bahamas, during the American invasion under Commodore Esek Hopkins.

SOLOMON RATHBUN (1764-1849), son of Job⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. First enlisted in 1779, aged 15. Later served in Col. Henry Dearborn's Vermont Rangers and in the First New Hampshire Regiment, taking part in the battles of Morrisania, New Rochelle and King Street. He enlisted March 14, 1781, in Capt. Charles Nelson's company of Lt. Col. Benjamin Waite's Vermont militia, and served until October 23. He reenlisted in May, 1782, at Saratoga, N.Y., and marched to Newburg, N.Y., where he was stationed until the spring of 1783. His company then marched to Fishkill, N.Y., where he was discharged June 7 by Gen. Washington. He was pensioned in 1828 and stated

that he served a total of five years and was wounded in action.

THEOPHILIS RATHBUN (ca 1758-??), son of Samuel⁴ (Thomas³ Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Enlisted in 1776 in Capt. James Smith's company of Col. Bezaleel Beebe's Conn. Regiment, and again in 1778 in Col. McClellan's Conn. Regiment. Later served from July 15 until Dec. 5, 1780, in the Fifth Company of the First Conn. Regiment. Enlisted May 5, 1781, in Capt. Charles Mills' company, Col. Beebe's Regiment, and listed as a deserter on July 28, 1781.

THOMAS RATHBUN (ca 1763-??), son of John⁴ (John³ Thomas² John¹) Rathbun. Drafted Oct. 13, 1780, in Lt. John Kilbourne's company of Col. Benjamin Simonds' Berkshire (Mass.) Regiment and marched to Vermont on alarm to reinforce the Army of Gen. John Fellows. Discharged Oct. 16, 1780. Possibly the same Thomas Rathbun who served earlier in Capt. Josiah Gibbs' company of Col. Stanton's R.I. Regiment.

THOMAS RATHBUN (1767-1822), son of Thomas⁴ (Thomas³ Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Enlisted Feb. 6, 1781, in Capt. Daniel Dorrance's Company of Lt. Col. Isaac Sherman's Fifth Conn. Regiment and received a bounty of 20 pounds. Served until Dec. 30, 1783, and was wounded in the leg, laming him for life. Pensioned in 1818.

THOMAS RATHBUN (1722-1798), son of Ebenezer³ (William² John¹) Rathbun. Member of Capt. Edward Bliven's Westerly (R.I.) Alarm Company, Jan. 16, 1777.

THOMAS RATHBUN (1736-1800), son of Thomas³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Served from July 28 to Aug. 7, 1780, in Captain Joseph Hopkins' Senior Class Company (older men) of Major Samuel Wall's West Greenwich (R.I.) Regiment.

THOMAS RATHBUN (1731-1793), son of Thomas³ (Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Listed as third lieutenant in 1776 of Capt. Belcher's Conn. militia.

TIBBETTS RATHBUN (1755-1820), son of John⁴ (John³ Thomas² John¹) Rathbun. Served in 1776 with Col. Topham's Regiment of R.I. militia. Enlisted in 1777 in Capt. Christopher Olney's company under Col. Daniel Hitchcock, and served eight months. Later served under Capt. Benjamin West and Samuel Phillips in Col. Topham's Regiment; Capt. Paul Herrington in Col. William

Richmond's Regiment, and Capt. John Holden in Col. Jeremiah Olney's Regiment. According to his pension application, he saw action at Bunker Hill and during Gen. Sullivan's expedition, and was wounded in the hip. Discharged Dec. 20, 1782.

VALENTINE RATHBUN JR. (1756-1821), son of Valentine⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Enlisted May 4, 1775, in Capt. John Strong's detachment of Mass. militia, marched to Kinderhook, N.Y., and was discharged May 11. Enlisted again in June 11, 1776, in Capt. Oliver's detachment of Mass. militia, marched to New York, and was discharged Dec. 5. Served one week in May, 1777, under Capt. Strong, and then joined Capt. William Francis' company of Mass. militia on Sept. 30 1777;

The following members of our family had no known military service but are counted as "patriots" due to other activities:

BENJAMIN RATHBUN (1735-1800+), son of Benjamin³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Signed a statement Sept. 19, 1776, at Hopkinton, R.I., that "The war, resistance and opposition in which the United American Colonies are engaged against the fleets and armies of Great Britain are, on the part of said colonists, just and necessary and I will not directly or indirectly offer assistance of any kind whatever to said fleets and armies during the continuance of the present war, but that I will heartily assist in the defense of the United Colonies."

JAMES RATHBUN (ca 1733-1775+), son of James³ (Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Signed a pledge of allegiance to the war effort Aug. 15, 1775, in Dutchess County, N.Y.

REV. JOHN RATHBONE (1729-1826), son of Joshua³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. Member of the Stonington, Conn., Committee of Correspondence. Signed a memorial Oct. 11, 1776, asking the Conn. State Assembly for cannon to defend Stonington Point from attack by British ships.

JOHN RATHBONE JR. (1751-1843), son of John⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbone. Owner of the Conn. private ship

marched from Pittsfield (Mass.) to Stillwater, N.Y., and was discharged Oct. 10.

WILLIAM RATHBUN (1742-1804), son of Daniel⁴ (William³⁻² John¹) Rathbun. Listed in May 1778 as "absconded" from the 18th Conn. Regiment. (His identity is not certain, but this appears to be the only William Rathbun in Connecticut of the appropriate age.)

WILLIAM RATHBUN (1744-1800+), son of Obadiah⁴ (John³ William² John¹) Rathbun. Served from Nov. 8 to Dec. 8, 1777, in Capt. David Herrenton's Company of Col. Charles Dyer's R.I. Regiment. Served from May 16 to July 16, and from Sept. 21 to Oct. 15, all in 1778, in Capt. John Carr's Company, Col. Archibald Crary's R.I. Regiment. Listed as sick in a hospital in October, 1778.

Humbird, commissioned Aug. 4, 1777, and given a Letter of Marque to attack British shipping. In 1779, his sloop, the *Louis*, hauled corn from Hartford, Conn. to Stonington, Conn., to feed the inhabitants. In 1780, he transported wheat from Pittsfield, Mass., for the same purpose.

JOSHUA RATHBUN (1746-1799), son of Valentine⁴ (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) Rathbun. A merchant captain at Newport, R.I., before and during the war, he was arrested by the British and confined to a prison ship for refusal to sign a pledge of allegiance to Great Britain.

VALENTINE RATHBUN (1724-1814), son of Joshua³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. His many services as a Revolutionary War political leader were outlined in detail in our issues of October 1981 and January 1982.

WAIT RATHBONE (1744-1832), son of Joshua³ (John²⁻¹) Rathbun. His schooner *Sally*, with two guns and 10 men, was commissioned with a Letter of Marque to attack British shipping. The schooner, commanded by Capt. Joseph Dodge, was commandeered in 1777 for use as a victualler ship by the Continental Army.

WALTER RATHBUN (1734-1818), son of Samuel³ (Samuel² John¹) Rathbun. Served on the Block Island Committee of Correspondence and in 1775 furnished 20 sheep for use by the Continental Army.

Basil Rathbone

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Ouida, lived another seven years, and died in 1974, aged 88. They had no children of their own, but in 1939 adopted a daughter, Barbara Cynthia, who died in 1969. By his first wife, he had a son, Rodion, born in 1915, and three grandchildren.

Basil Rathbone was held in high esteem by those who worked with him.

He was the most skillful swordsman in Hollywood, and although his "villain" roles called for him to lose most of his fights, he always took comfort in the knowledge that he would have easily defeated any opponent in a real duel.

Among his best film performances, in addition to "David Copperfield" and the Sherlock Holmes series, were "Anna Karenina," "A Tale of Two Cities" and "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Fernando Lamas described Rathbone as "a powerful personality. It was

impossible to look at anybody else when he was on the screen."

Brian Ahearne praised him as "a fine actor . . . one of the best in the profession. He was also a fine man . . . good, kind, intelligent, humorous, and loved by all who knew him."

Information on this story of Basil Rathbone was taken primarily from two books: *Basil Rathbone; His Life and His Films*, by Michael B. Druxman, 1975, and Rathbone's own autobiography, *In and Out of Character*, 1962. Information was also provided by one of our members, Mrs. Joy Robinson of England, a first cousin of Basil Rathbone. The pictures are from Druxman's book, which we recommend for anyone interested in Rathbone's career.

Douglas Fairbanks Jr. termed Rathbone "a charming, gentle, intelligent and thoroughly nice guy."

Rathbone's grandfather, Philip Henry Rathbone, wrote a poem at Basil's birth, entitled "To Philip St. John Basil Rathbone."

"Welcome my lad, to a world of fight;
A world of battle, life-long my boy,
Let the struggle be ever for truth and right,
Then, a winning fight is a lasting joy.
You have blood in your veins, boy,
of those who fought;
Fought without rancour, and yet hit hard
With unflinching pluck, with no selfish thought
For the triumph of right was their reward.
Love while you fight boy, keep ever free
From ignoble, self-seeking strife.
And your crowning comfort in death shall be
The thought that you lived a noble life."

Most of those who knew him would agree that Basil Rathbone lived his life pretty much as his grandfather had suggested.

Art Schroeck

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They were married there in 1961.

After a brief fling in New Jersey as a free-lancer in the advertising business, Art took Lynda and their three children to Idaho, where for six years they appeared in night clubs—Lynda singing to Art's accompaniment on the organ.

In 1975, they returned to New Jersey and Art entered the jingle field, writing catchy tunes, both words and music, for advertising. He wrote thousands of jingles for products ranging from Miller Lite Beer and Dannon Yogurt to Sunkist oranges and Diet Coke. As a sideline, he dabbled in musical arranging and song writing.

Several of his songs have been recorded, but "Here's to the Band" is his first "biggie." Art hopes it won't be the last.

He has written six songs for a proposed Broadway show "Twinkle," based on the 1919 actors' strike. He is one of the investors in the show, which he and his associates hope to produce this year.

Art and Lynda's three children have all inherited their parents' love for music. The oldest son, Shem, 20, is now enrolled at the Manhattan School of Music and has written several songs. The sec-

ond son, Jason, 17, is a drummer, while their daughter, Joelle, 11, is a budding violinist and singer.

"My success in the music business is totally due to my mother," Art says. "Although she died when I was only 17, she had given me a thorough education in music, sometimes going without mate-

rial things for herself to pay for my music lessons. Never a week went by that we did not go to some sort of musical show or concert. I feel very close to her and my Rathbone heritage."

That was the reason Art took time out from his busy schedule last July to attend our reunion on Block Island.



*Here that music playing, listen to what it's saying,
Throughout the years I've made a lot of friends.
Many became famous, most of them nameless,
But I dedicate this song to all of them.
I've sung with the best, and I had it all.
I've gone from neighborhood saloons to Carnegie Hall.
I've been down and out and I've been in demand,
But I wouldn't have made it without them.
Here's to the Band.
Those magical notes, those musical pearls.
I've sung with all the Counts, the Dukes, the Kings and the Earls.
The experience I have to say was grand,
But I wouldn't have made it without them.
Here's to the Band
Strings soaring, horns roaring, drums pounding in my ears.
To start at the ground, and reach for the top,
To have had such a wonderful career.
I've just gotta stop, stop and turn around
To thank every one that sits on the stand.
I wouldn't have made it without them.
Here's to the Band.
Here's to those ladies and gentlemen.
Here's to the A.F. of M.
I wouldn't have made it without them.
Here's to the Band.*

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54. WILLIAM⁵ RATHBUN (Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born March 7, 1776, in Richmond, Mass. He moved with his parents to Saratoga County, N.Y., and then as a young man moved to Union Township, Tioga County, Pa., where he married in 1799 Irene Niles, born Nov. 11, 1780, daughter of Nathan and Irene (Russell) Niles. About 1811, he sold his land in Tioga County and moved back to Saratoga County, N.Y., and then about 1814 to Canada. He died in Norwich, Canada, on July 11, 1857, at the home of his son, Horace, after spending 20 years confined to bed because of a stroke. Irene died in Norwich on June 10, 1873.

CHILDREN

HARRIET, born March 16, 1800; married Lyman Lee Dec. 23, 1819.

LYDIA, born May 1, 1801; married Horace Hall on April 26, 1818.

WILLIAM, born Dec. 31, 1802; married (1) Susan Cranbrook; (2) Cynthia Lester.

NELSON NILES, born June 13, 1805; married Mercy Ryder.

EMALINE, born Sept. 21, 1807; married Erastus Hall on Sept. 10, 1828.

IRENE, born Jan. 11, 1810; married Ira Worden.

DANIEL, born July 24, 1813; married Ruth Ryder.

CHARLES, born Jan. 19, 1815; married Pamela Ryder.

HORACE, born about 1816; married Eliza Jane Winchell.

SARAH JANE, born June 17, 1818; married Henry Haight.

MARY JANE, born Oct. 26, 1820; married Ferguson Smith.

55. SOLOMON⁵ RATHBONE (Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born May 21, 1778, in Richmond, Mass., and moved with his parents in 1803 to Saratoga County, N.Y. He married there Dec. 5, 1806,

Lucy Allen Beebe, born March 7, 1782, daughter of Dr. Lewis and Miriam (Kellogg) Beebe. He studied law and was admitted to the New York bar in 1806. He practiced law for one year at Martinsburg, Lewis County, N.Y., and then at Galway and Milton, N.Y. and was a justice of the peace in 1811. In 1817, he and his family started for the "great west," ending in a raft trip down the Ohio River. In April 1818, they settled in Illinois where he founded the town of Belgrade, becoming its first postmaster. In 1821, they moved further west and finally settled at Vincennes, Ind. He later moved to Evansville, Ind., where he died Feb. 15, 1860. His wife died four days later on Feb. 19. He changed the spelling of his name from Rathbun to Rathbone in 1815.

CHILDREN

CAROLINE MINERVA, born Oct. 20, 1808; died Aug. 7, 1818.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, born Dec. 15, 1813; married Katharine Decker.

CAROLINE SARAH, born Oct. 5, 1823; died unmarried Dec. 19, 1901.

CHARLES J.F., born March 28, 1829; died Jan. 17, 1830.

56. JOSIAH⁵ RATHBUN (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Feb. 5, 1762, in Canaan, Conn. He served in the Revolutionary Army and on Jan. 17, 1790, in Canaan, married Catherine Fitch, born Sept. 22, 1767, daughter of Theophilis and Hannah (Stevens) Fitch. They moved shortly after their marriage to Columbus, Chenango County, N.Y., where he was overseer of highways in 1805. He later moved to Denmark, Lewis County, N.Y., where he died Feb. 12, 1840. His wife died in Denmark about 1847. A Revolutionary War muster roll described him as five feet, five inches tall, with light hair and complexion.

CHILDREN

ALLEN FACTON, born about 1792; married (1)? Hannah Collison; (2) Isabella McIntosh, and (3) Louisa Cummings.

JOSIAH, born Jan. 12, 1795; married (1) Irene Ballard; (2) Eliza Foster.

CATHERINE FITCH, born in 1800; married John Looker on Sept. 27, 1818.

NICHOLAS P., born Aug. 18, 1805; married Marinda Richards.

THEOPHOLIS FITCH, born July 23, 1808; married Belinda Root.

ABIGAIL ANN, born Jan. 20, 1812; died unmarried April 20, 1834.

PROBABLY OTHERS.

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57. SOLOMON⁵ RATHBUN (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born March 3, 1764, in Canaan, Conn., and served in the Revolutionary War. He moved as a young man to New York State and married there Dec. 5, 1784, **Eunice Fuller**, born Dec. 15, 1764, **parentage unknown**. They lived first in Hampton, Washington County, N.Y., then moved about 1795 to Columbus, Chenango County. By 1818 they were in Cortland County, by 1828 in Allegheny County, by 1830 in Genesee County and by 1840 in Chautauqua County. He was a tailor and worked at his trade until his eyesight failed in 1809. Cooley's *Rathbone Genealogy* says: "He was musically inclined and was quite an inventor. A Scotch Highlander visited his place and played a Scotch bagpipe. He was so delighted with the music that he at once set about and constructed one for himself and often played it to the delight of his neighbors. He also invented an electric machine which generated a strong current for the treatment of rheumatism and other diseases he was afflicted with." Solomon died Aug. 29, 1849, at Hanover, Chautauqua County, N.Y. Eunice died there March 11, 1837.

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CHILDREN

DEMARCUS, born May 1, 1788; married Amanda Hills.

BULINA, born Oct. 17, 1790; married Jacob Schultz.

TITUS, born Aug. 27, 1792; enlisted in the Army in September 1812, and died Aug. 10, 1814, at Washington, D.C.

ELIHU, born Sept. 8, 1794; married (1) Eleanor Beatty; (2) Sarah Powell.

LUCY, born Oct. 11, 1796; died Nov. 9, 1802.

ALTA ALMIRA, born Aug. 23, 1799; married (1) Levi Lawrence; (2) Steven Francis.

MATTHEW, born May 26, 1802; married Jane McCabe.

58. RUSSELL⁵ RATHBUN (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born March 18, 1772, in Canaan, Conn., and married there about 1794 Marilla _____.

By 1805 they had moved to New Berlin, Chenango County, N.Y., and by 1820 to Pike, in Allegheny County, N.Y. About 1833, he moved to Elk Creek, Erie County, Pa., and in 1850 was listed there with a wife named Lucy, born about 1770. He died April 24, 1855, in Conneaut Township, Erie County, and Lucy died there April 14, 1859.

CHILDREN

VALENTINE, born about 1795; married Catherine M. _____.

?LUCY, born about 1797; married Nathan Sage.

LOREN (LAVINE?) RATHBUN, born about 1799; married Marie (Hulbert) Clark.

FANNIE, born about 1812; no further information.

59. JOHN⁵ RATHBUN (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born April 9, 1774, in Canaan, Conn., and married there June 28, 1807, Dorcas J. Gillette, born about 1780, parentage unknown. He died Nov. 18, 1812, in Canaan, and she married on Sept. 8, 1823, in Brookfield, Conn., Philo Bardsley. He was named guardian of her Rathbun children in 1824. Dorcas died March 11, 1830.

CHILDREN

WILLIAM I., born about 1808; alive in 1824; no further information.

?LOUISE, born about 1810; died Sept. 2, 1822 in Brookfield, Conn.

BETSEY ANN, born about 1812; married Stephen Sturges on April 27, 1831.

60. GEORGE WHITEFIELD⁵ RATHBUN (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Oct. 28, 1782, in Canaan, Conn., named for George Whitefield, a popular evangelist minister. George married about 1807 Nancy Bentley, born about 1787, daughter of Ezekiel and Lettice Bentley. George was known as "Whitfield" Rathbun. He lived for a short time in Vermont, then moved by 1810 to Batavia, Genesee County, N.Y. He became active in the local militia there, serving as captain in 1811 and major in 1812. The family moved about 1815 to Tazewell County, Ill., and by 1850 to Woodford County, Ill., where he died in the 1850s. She was still alive in 1860, but her death date is not known.

CHILDREN

ADAH, born about 1807; married Levi Jones Dec. 2, 1826.

LEWRA, born about 1809; married Adam Troxel on Oct. 18, 1828.

MELONA, born about 1812; married Alfred Henry Ramey on Oct. 3, 1832.

NANCY, born about 1816; married Bradley Barker on Nov. 24, 1831.

AMELIA, born about 1820; married (1) Horace Crocker; (2) Samuel Vantine.

MARY ANN, born about 1822; married George L. Barney on Nov. 11, 1841.

RANSOM, born about 1824; married Elizabeth Beltz.

61. AMOS⁵ RATHBUN (Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Jan. 31, 1762, in Stonington, Conn., and moved with his parents about 1765 to Richmond, Mass. He served a short period in the local militia toward the end of the Revolution, and about 1790 married Mary (Polly) Williams, born May 23, 1770, daughter of Judah and Mary (Skinner) Williams. Amos was described by Cooley as "a large powerful man of great courage."

Although he strongly opposed his father's membership in the Shaker Society, he once broke up a mob seeking to disrupt a Shaker meeting. Shortly after his marriage, Amos moved to Troy, N.Y., where he went into business with his uncle, Wait Rathbun, selling drugs and medicines. In 1798, he was an ensign in the Rensselaer County Militia. In 1797, he purchased a large tract of land in Scipio in Cayuga County, N.Y., and moved there with his family about 1799 to become a wheat farmer. He was a Grand Juror in 1800, served as township supervisor from 1800 to 1802, and was elected to four terms in the New York State legislature from 1804 to 1807. He died Sept. 22, 1823, in Scipio. His widow died there Aug. 20, 1830.

CHILDREN

MARY MARIA, born Dec. 11, 1790; married Thomas Yardley How, Aug. 30, 1820.

NATHAN WILLIAMS, born about 1792; married Mary Turner.

CHARLES, born April 18, 1796; married (1) Anna Kniffin, (2) Jane VanTuyl.

ELECTA WILLIAMS, born May 10, 1798; married Robert Cooley, Feb. 8, 1818.

JUDAH WILLIAMS, born Jan. 8, 1801; married Celia⁶ Rathbun (John⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

PAMELA BROWN, born Aug. 5, 1803; married Hiram⁶ Rathbun (Edward⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

ALFRED DAY, born Jan. 17, 1806; married (1) Lucy Redfield, (2) Caroline VanTuyl.

AMOS, born Oct. 11, 1808; married Amanda Carver.

JACOB BROWN, born Dec. 6, 1810; died unmarried Nov. 19, 1850, in New York City, where he was a merchant.

SARAH FRANCES, born Dec. 5, 1815; married George A. Benedict on June 12, 1839.

62. JOSHUA⁵ RATHBUN (Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born April 26, 1773, in Richmond, Mass., and married in January 1795, Diadama Crippen, born April 14, 1777, parentage unknown. He moved to Scipio, N.Y. in the 1790s, and in the early 1820s to Ossian, Allegheny County, N.Y., where he died in 1826. His widow died there July 14, 1827. It is

likely that Joshua was the father of an illegitimate child, Millona Rathbun, born Feb. 1, 1794, in Pittsfield, Mass., to Experience Stiles. Millona married Isaac Schofield.

CHILDREN

MARTHA, born Nov. 16, 1796; married Samuel Southmayde on May 15, 1813.

ANNA, born July 7, 1799; married Samuel Rolf.

AMOS, born Sept. 1, 1801; married Jane Robinson.

EDWARD, born Sept. 28, 1803; married (1) Phoebe Remington, (2) Rebecca McCurdy.

JOSHUA, born Dec. 11, 1805; married Phoebe Keith.

ELIZA, born Aug. 11, 1808; married Ebenezer Lockwood on June 20, 1828.

JAMES D., born Feb. 11, 1811; married Caroline Amsbury.

SARAH, born Aug. 11, 1813; married Horace Shephard on July 6, 1837.

CHARLES S., born May 14, 1815; married (1) Sarah Ann Kent, (2) Martha Lawrence, and (3) Margaret Stewart.

CHARLOTTE, born April 22, 1818; married William Kent on March 30, 1841.

NILES S., born March 26, 1821; married Lucy Chesebrough.

63. EDWARD⁵ RATHBUN (Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born June 10, 1776, in Richmond, Mass., and moved as a young man to Scipio, N.Y. He was a fence viewer there in 1795, and pathmaster from 1797 to 1799. He was a lieutenant in the local militia in 1798, promoted to captain in 1802, and served until 1810. He is probably the Edward Rathbun who served in the New York Militia in the War of 1812. In 1799, he married Anna Fuller, born Oct. 26, 1780, parentage unknown. Their home was near the village of Ledyard, where he died April 3, 1825. Anna died Oct. 8, 1851, at the home of her daughter, Annie Sherwood, in Auburn, N.Y.

CHILDREN

HIRAM, born Dec. 8, 1800; married Pamela⁶ Rathbun (Amos⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

GEORGE, born Aug. 6, 1802; married Eliza Glover.

ERASTUS, born April 16, 1804; married Catherine Dills.

EDWARD, born Nov. 22, 1806; married (1) Ann Hoffman, (2) Maria Tanner.

WILKS DURKEE, born Nov. 28, 1808; died June 3, 1827, unmarried.

AMOS SCOTT, born Aug. 8, 1810; married (1) Mary Baldwin, (2) Emma Carpenter.

HUGO BURGHARDT, born Sept. 4, 1812; married Louisa Storm.

JOHN F., born Feb. 10, 1815; died in infancy.

ANNIE FRANCES, born July 24, 1818; married Luman Sherwood.

JOHN WILLIAMS, born April 28, 1820; married Mary Eaton.

64. WAIT⁵ RATHBUN JR., (Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹) born July 10, 1773, in Stonington, Conn. He moved as a young man to Tinmouth, Vt., where he married on Dec. 25, 1795, Elizabeth Barr, born Sept. 6, 1780, the daughter of William and Mary (Watt) Barr. Wait operated an iron forge in the northern section of Tinmouth, and later built another on the Tinmouth River with William Vaughn. They built stoves under the name Rathbun and Vaughn. He was also a partner in another stove company called Rathbun and Chase. Wait served in the Vermont legislature in 1821 and 1822. His wife, Elizabeth, died Aug. 6, 1805, and he was married again on Aug. 28, 1808, to Elizabeth Marie Francis, born in 1789, parentage unknown. He died at Rutland, Vt., on Feb. 2, 1847. Elizabeth died Feb. 8, 1849.

CHILDREN

(By Elizabeth Barr)

ALBERT, born in November, 1796; served in the U.S. Army in the War of 1812, went to South America about 1818 and was killed about 1819 while fighting in the army of Simon Bolivar.

ALFRED T., born July 3, 1798; married Sophia Sargent.

HENRY, born May 25, 1800; died young.

SUSAN, born March 22, 1802; died young.

JULIA, born about 1804; died young.

(By Elizabeth Francis)

HENRY, born Aug. 16, 1809; married Caroline Warner.

ELIZABETH MARIE, born April 11, 1813; married (1) Henry Ballard on July 18, 1831, and (2) Alexander W. Reed on June 18, 1839.

EMELINE F., born May 27, 1815; married Frederick A. Fuller on June 19, 1838.

CURTIS, born Sept. 5, 1820; living in New York City in 1844; no further information.

JANE FRANCES, born Jan. 25, 1823; married William A. Dana Sept. 3, 1846.

(to be continued)

Thanks, Cousins

Our list of members who have contributed data and information was omitted in the last issue due to lack of space. Following is a list of all those who have sent in material during the past six months.

We offer our thanks to each of them, and urge all members to follow suit. Send in your own family data, if you haven't already, and send us any information on family members you can find—past or present.

Audrey Christian, Keith and Elizabeth Rathbun, Dorothy Schumann, Roland Rathbun, Perry Rathbone, Donna Hartshorn, Robert and Barbara Rathbun, Beverly Gillette, Victor and Ruth Streeter, Dorothy Grimshaw, Susie Carter Baston, Vera Schrank, Jean Waddell, Mildred Rathbun, Benjamin and Rosalie Rathbun, John Bowen, Eola Rathbun, Hazel Rathbun Ritchie, Frank E. Rathbun, Arthur Schroeck, Jim Chivers, Ellen Coates, Don and Shirley Rathbun, Howard M. Rathbun, Esther Littlefield, Fran Collord, Doris Stoppa, Van Rathbun, Robert Allen Greene, Don Badger, Alice Wiley, Emmet and Florence Rathbun, John C. Rathbun, Esther Cassell, Alice Phillips, Bryce and Marilyn Rathbun, Harriett Mead, Winifred Dougherty, Phyllis Cuevas, Jean Chubbuck, Merrill and Carmen Rathbun, Lauren and Martha Marvin, Joan Lea Betzold.

Can You Solve This Puzzle?

One of the fascinations of genealogy is the process of sifting through dates and data to establish family relationships. It can be frustrating and time-consuming, but finding the right solution brings a glow of satisfaction.

The following genealogical mystery is presented to give our readers an opportunity to try their hand at puzzle-solving. Your editor has studied this particular problem for many years without coming up with a satisfactory solution.

Joshua³ Rathbun (John^{2:1}) was born Feb. 9, 1696, on Block Island, and moved to the mainland as a young man. On Nov. 30, 1721, at Westerly, R.I., he married Martha Card, born in 1699, a daughter of Job and Martha (Acres) Card.

Cooley's *Rathbone Genealogy* says she died, leaving one son – Joshua Rathbun Jr., born May 17, 1722 – and on Feb. 5, 1724, Joshua Sr. was married again, at Groton, Conn., to Mary Wightman.

I first saw a discrepancy in this account when I noticed that Joshua Rathbun Jr., in his bible record, gives his birth date as May 17, 1724 – more than three months after his father's *second* marriage.

This 1724 birth date was confirmed by Quaker death records, which show that he was 77 years old when he died in 1801.

QUESTION: How could Joshua Rathbun Jr., born in May, 1724, be the son of Joshua Sr. and Martha Card when the elder Joshua by then had been married to Mary Wightman for over three months?

The answer would seem to be that he was not Joshua's son. But he calls himself "Joshua Rathbun Jr." in his family bible, and he lived in later years at Stonington Point, Conn., home of the elder Joshua.

The will of Martha's father, Job Card, added more mystery. Written in 1730 and probated in 1739, it left the bulk of his sizeable estate to "my four children", Job, Rebecca, Margery and Sarah – no Martha. But the will also gave one shilling "to my daughter Martha or Joshua Rathbun." This one-shilling bequest was and is a legal "gimmick." Job Card

wanted to be sure that only the four children he named would share his estate. If Martha were dead, as it would appear, her former husband, and any heirs by him, would not be entitled to any more than the one shilling.

But what about Joshua Rathbun, Jr., Job Card's presumed grandson by his daughter Martha?

The will only adds to the mystery. Job left one hundred pounds to his daughter, Sarah Sheffield, and thirty pounds to "her first born son Joshua Rathbun."

Sarah, youngest of Job Card's daughters, had married in 1727 Isaac Sheffield, the widower of her dead sister, Jane.

The will makes it appear that, prior to this marriage, she had given birth to a son who was named Joshua Rathbun.

QUESTIONS: Is this the same Joshua as the supposed son of Joshua Sr. and Martha Card? If so, was he illegitimate? Did the elder Joshua have an affair with his first wife's younger sister, then only 18? What happened to Martha Card? There is no record of her death. Was there a divorce or a scandal of some sort?

A new element was added to the mystery recently when one of our members, Arthur Schroeck, found two puzzling entries in the Stonington town records.

On Jan. 2, 1736, twin children – a boy and a girl – were born to Joshua Rath-

bun Sr. and Mary Wightman Rathbun. They were named *Joshua* and *Martha*:

Four years later, Joshua "for good reasons" changed this son's name to Job.

QUESTIONS: Why would Joshua Sr., knowing he already had a son named for himself, give another son the same name? Why did he wait four years to change it? Why did he pick the first name of his former father-in-law, Job Card? Is it significant that the change was made just after Job Card died and his will was made public? Was the twin girl named Martha for his first wife? That would seem to indicate that she was dead, and would refute the idea of a divorce or scandal.

Joshua Jr. had a long life and numerous children. He named his first daughter Martha, and his third daughter Sarah. Which one was named for his mother?

Joshua Sr. died in 1779 and, unfortunately, left no will. Some years after his death, his five oldest sons by Mary Wightman agreed to give the Stonington home to the youngest son, Wait Rathbun. No mention of Joshua Jr. Wasn't he considered a son?

Further research in Stonington's town records may provide more clues. In the meantime, do any of our readers have any thoughts, ideas or theories about this genealogical puzzle?

Mark Rathbun Explores USA

Mark Rathbun, at 32, has probably seen more of the United States, first hand, than 99 percent of all Americans.

Between September 1982 and April 1983 he hiked and biked his way through 4,000 miles of the country, from his home in Cooperstown, N.Y., south to Florida, west to Colorado, and then back across the mid-continent to New York.

Mark is the son of our members, Leon¹⁰ (Ward⁹ Duncan⁸ Levant⁷ Williams⁶⁻⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹) and Yolande Rathbun.

A physical education teacher at Cooperstown Central School for seven years, Mark decided to leave his job and make the trip primarily to learn more

about the United States and its people.

He started south on the Appalachian Trail and walked all the way to Georgia. The 1,000-mile hike took him four months and cost him seven toenails.

In Atlanta, he bought a bicycle and continued his trip south. He biked to the Florida panhandle, along the Gulf of Mexico, through Alabama and Mississippi to the Texas-Louisiana border, and then went north through Texas, into New Mexico, and up to Denver.

Mark then headed back east, through Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, arriving home in Cooperstown in mid-April.

New Data

Discovery of another error in Cooley's *Rathbone Genealogy* makes a major change in the ancestry of many members of our Association. Patience Fish, wife of John³ Rathbun (John²⁻¹), was not the mother of his eight known children.

Patience must have died within a year or two of their 1720 marriage, and all of John's children (listed in Vol. 1, No. 3, page 44) were apparently children by his second wife, Alice, surname unknown.

This new information is based on early Exeter (then North Kingston), R.I., land records, which show that John had married Alice by 1731. (Our thanks to member John D. Bowen for this information.)

In addition, the 1737 will of John Fish, father of Patience, left 50 pounds to "my grandson Joshua Rathbun, son of my daughter Patience, deceased."

This Joshua Rathbun, son of John and Patience, must have been born shortly after their marriage, and died between 1737, when he was mentioned in the will of John Fish, and 1741, when John and Alice named another son Joshua.

John must have married Alice about 1722, for John, his oldest son by her, was married in 1744, and must have been born about 1723. He named his first child Alice, another strong indication that Alice, not Patience, was his mother. Were he Patience's son, he surely would have been listed along with Joshua as a grandson by John Fish in 1737.

Penelope (Brown) Rathbun, second wife of Anthony⁴ Rathbun (Samuel³ Thomas² John¹) died Nov. 30, 1837, in North Kingston, R.I.

Patience⁴ Rathbun (John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1725, is reported in Cooley's *Rathbone Genealogy* to have married Elisha Reynolds. It now appears that this is not true. Her husband was John Reynolds, the son of James Reynolds. John and Patience had three children—John, Anne and Elisha. Patience died in the early 1750s.

Sarah, daughter of John⁴ Rathbun (Samuel³ Thomas² John¹) and Hannah Eldred, married George Congdon and died in June, 1810, in North Kingstown, R.I. Her daughter, Martha Congdon (1805-1880), married Rodman Hazard and, later in life, Nathan D.⁶ Rathbun (John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

Obituaries

DIED—Sept. 11, 1983, in Covina, Cal., Alice Huyler Ramsey, aged 96. She was the widow of John Rathbone Ramsey, a former New Jersey Congressman, son of John P. Ramsey and Martha⁷ Rathbone (John V.⁶ William⁵ Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Mrs. Huyler won fame in 1909 as the first woman to drive an automobile across the United States. She was 22 at the time. With three other women, she drove from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 3,800 miles, in 41 days. They made the trip in a Maxwell-Brisco touring car, with Mrs. Huyler doing all the driving and repairs. Most of their route was on two-rut wagon trails, and they wore out 11 tires. In 1960, she was named "Woman Motorist of the Century" by the American Automobile Association. Her son, the Rev. Canon John Rathbone Ramsey, was one of our charter members.

DIED—July 19, 1983, Edith (Troy) Riggs, 95, in Groton, S.D. She was the only child of Ellen³ (Rathbun) Troy (Giles⁷ James⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Her husband, George Riggs, died in 1973.

DIED—Oct. 30, 1983, Effie (Rathbun) Cahoon, 88, of Coventry, R.I. She was the daughter of Robert⁸ Rathbun (John⁷ Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹), and the widow of Harold Cahoon. Survivors include two sisters, Mae Stringer and Grace Matteson; a son; two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

DIED—Nov. 3, 1983, Eleanor L. Rathbun, 57, in Cranston, R.I. She was the daughter of George⁹ Rathbun (Frank⁸ James⁷ Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Irene (Breisforth) Thornlimb, and a stepsister.

DIED—April 30, 1983, Donald W. (Bob) McCrath, 74, in Wayne, Mich. He was a son of Walter and Louise (Rathbun) McCrath, and grandson of Hugo B.⁷ Rathbun (Charles⁶ Amos⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Survivors include his wife, Grace; son, Kenneth; daughter, Mary Lou; several grandchildren, and a brother, Harold.

DIED—Oct. 24, 1983, in Exeter, N.H., James Colburn Rathbone, six days before his 102nd birthday. He is survived by his widow, Ruth (Fredette) Rathbone; a son, Robert, one of our members; two daughters, Dorothy Wheelock and Jean Taft; two stepchildren, four grandchildren, and a sister, Eunice Anderson. Mr. Rathbone was a son of David⁸ Rathbone (Nathan⁷ Amos⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹) and Melda (Scott) Rathbone. A story of his life appeared in our July 1981 issue.

DIED—Nov. 13, 1983, Linwood J. Rathbone, aged 63, of Charlestown, R.I. He was the son of Royal⁹ Rathbone (William⁸ Henry⁷ Martin⁶ Joshua⁵⁻⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹) and Emilia L. (Asmann) Rathbone. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II and was a commercial fisherman for 30 years. Survivors include his mother; his widow, Jessie (Richardson) Rathbone; two sons, William A. and Roy L. Rathbone; a brother, Raymond, and a sister, Doris Safford.

People

JOHN H. RATHBUN of Walton, N.Y., served as best man when his son, Gary, was married May 14, 1983, to Eileen Ranta in Coon Rapids, Minn. John is the son of Ernest⁶ Rathbun (Granville⁷ Alfred⁶ Epaphroditus⁵ Simeon⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹) and Clara M. (Wright) Rathbun.

DR. J. EARL RATHBUN of Santa Rosa, Calif., is the new president of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. Does anyone know Dr. Rathbun?

ERIC RATHBONE of St. Louis, Mo., has announced that he may seek election in 1985 as mayor. Rathbone was formerly president of the city's Board of Aldermen. Does anyone know Mr. Rathbone?

EMMET AND FLORENCE RATHBUN of Lake San Marcos, Calif., attended the weddings of two grandsons last summer. Richard Rathbun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Rathbun Jr., married Lori Johnson on June 4. Stacey Ohm, son of Ronald and Jacquelyn (Rathbun) Ohm, married Wanda Elizabeth Perry on June 25. Emmet is the son of Charles⁶ Rathbun (James⁷ Paris⁶ Job⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

DOUGLAS R. BONAWITZ and Diane Marie Faulkner were married Oct. 8, 1983, in Skaneateles, N.Y. Douglas is the son of our members, Duane and Betty (Hersom) Bonawitz. Duane is a great-grand-grandson of Charity⁶ Rathbun (Paris⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹) and Harrington Wilcox.

VICTOR STREETER reports a series of births in his family. His stepdaughter, Cheryl, and her husband, Scott Abbot, had a boy named Edward Scott on Dec. 18, 1982. His stepson, Curtis Gillespie, and his wife, Cathy, had a boy named Peter James on June 7, 1983. His nephew, Abraham Streeter, and his wife, Shirley, had a girl named Jennifer Marie on May 29, 1983. Victor is the son of Letty Leola (Cole) Streeter, granddaughter of Harriet⁷ (Rathbun) Cole (Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

Our New Members

Gertrude Bainbridge
LaVerne, Calif.

Edith (Rathbun) Bell
Alberta, Va.

Myron and Joan Byers
Madison, Wisc.

Gary Wayne Coates
Tallahassee, Fla.

Lawrence Rathbun Conningham
Sausalito, Calif.

Dion L. Gardner
Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Gustia Carter Harrell
Lake City, Fla.

Stephen L. Lawton
Pitman, N.J.

Loren and Martha Marvin
Colchester, Conn.

Albert Rathbun
Humansville, Mo.

Harold William Rathbun
Syracuse, N.Y.

Hugh Rathbun
Waverly, Nova Scotia

James B. Rathbun
Bonita, Calif.

Lee J. Rathbun
Maramic, Okla.

Merrill and Carmen Rathbun
Riverside, Conn.

Stephen N. Rathbun
Claremont, Calif.

Nancy Steadman
Westerly, R.I.

Beverly Stone
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Lt. Richard Stoppa III
Woodbridge, Va.

Winifred Wittkow
LaJolla, Calif.

JACQUELINE (RATHBUN) BLASKO of Forest Lake, Minn., and her husband, David, were hosts Aug. 6 and 7, 1983, at a family reunion attended by nearly 100 persons. Most of those present descend from Jonathan David⁷ Rathbun (Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). A highlight of the reunion was the celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Patricia (Rathbun) Goodremote and her husband, Ole, of New Auburn, Wisc.

MRS. DONNA HARTSHORN of Winslow, Ariz., is an active member of the National Association of Atomic Veterans (NAAV), an organization of service widows whose husbands died as a result of atomic radiation. Her husband, Charles Hartshorn, died on Jan. 1, 1981, of pancreatic cancer. He witnessed an atomic bomb blast from eight miles away while on a Navy ship in 1946, and later was in Hiroshima, Japan, only three months after the city was destroyed by an atomic bomb. The NAAV is seeking Federal recognition of the health problems associated with wartime radiation. Charles Hartshorn was the son of Frank W. Hartshorn and Rose Mary⁸ Rathbun (Allen⁷ Joshua⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

ELWIN AND ELLEN (RATHBUN) KENYON of Westerly, R.I., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 4, 1983. Ellen is the daughter of Amos⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ Amos⁷ Newman⁶ Jonathan⁵ John⁴⁻³⁻²⁻¹) and Mary Luella Greene.

TERRI JANE UITTO was married April 14, 1983, in Reno, Nev., to Ronald Ted Palmateer. Terri is the daughter of our member, Mrs. Phyllis Cuevas, a granddaughter of Blanche⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ Alfred⁶⁻⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹) and George K. Kaess.

Birth

BORN—Aug. 20, 1983, in Kingston, Jamaica, Drew David Rathbun, son of Daniel R. and Elizabeth Rathbun. Daniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B.⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Daniel⁷ Greene⁶⁻⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), and twin brother of David G. Rathbun, all members of our Association.