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(1795-1879)

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Letter from the Editor

This issue begins the sixth year of our Association and the *Historian*. I am pleased to report that our 1985 membership reached a new peak of 462, but at this writing (in early December), we have less than 350 renewals. I hope and expect the next few weeks will bring us up at least to the 400 mark.

With our last issue, we mailed questionnaires on the next reunion site, and a possible English tour in May 1987. There seems to be a lot of interest in the English trip (see accompanying story), but no definite consensus on the site of our 1987 national reunion.

Denver, Salt Lake City and Estes Park, in that order, received the most votes, but many members pointed out that persons with heart or breathing problems would have difficulty at Estes Park because of the altitude. A surprising number ruled out Phoenix because of the heat. There seemed little interest in any West Coast location, with distance and cost cited as the biggest problems.

Quite a few members suggested that we return to Block Island in 1987, and several suggested that we make Block Island the permanent site for all our reunions. This would seem a bit unfair to western and midwestern members.

Several pointed out two major factors to consider in making the final selection

— local members to help with the planning, and something of family or historic significance in the area.

At this point, we have made no final decision, but Denver and Salt Lake City appear to be the logical choices, with Denver having a slight edge because we have a lot of active members there. We'll let you know, but send us your ideas if you haven't already.

One of the big news events of the coming months will be the return of Halley's Comet, which visits our area in

Many Show Interest in English Trip

Nearly 100 members have expressed interest in our idea of a "family roots" trip to England in May 1987, and we are working with the travel agent to put the finishing touches on the overall plan.

As we explained in our October mailing, at least 30 persons must participate in order to take advantage of the group rate of about \$1800 each. This would cover round-trip air fare, lodging, meals and bus transportation to sites of interest. We would visit places connected with our early ancestors in the Lancashire County area, as well as other locations in Cheshire County and in the London area.

Several members asked whether the trip could be delayed until June or even later in the year. The May date was chosen to take advantage of off-season rates, to avoid the tourist rush, and to enjoy the weather in one of England's nicest seasons.

The trip would last about 12 days, but anyone interested in staying longer in England, or in going to Ireland, Scotland or the Continent, could do so. They would be on their own, of course, for all costs of their extended stay except for the return air fare.

Watch the next issue for full details and information on how to sign up. It sounds like fun!

space every 76 years. Any of our members in their late 80s or beyond should remember the 1910 visit. How about sharing your memories with us. If you, or your parents, grandparents, uncles or aunts, remember the 1910 comet, let us know, and we will have a story in the April issue.

The story on past and present doctors in our family, which begins in this issue, turned out to be quite a task, but very interesting. How about similar stories in the future on dentists, attorneys, engineers and other professions? Anyone have any ideas how we could collect such information? For the doctors story, the American Medical Association proved most helpful.

Christmas will be over by the time you read this, and I hope it was a merry one for all of you. And best wishes to you all for a wonderful New Year.

Frank

Financial Statement

1985 Income

Memberships (462 @ \$15)	\$6,930
Sale of past <i>Historians</i>	2,300
Bank account interest	450
Reunion Surplus	55
Total	\$9,735

1985 Expenses

Printing of <i>Historian</i>	\$4,548
Computer mailing costs	1,617
Purchase of computer	1,341
Printing of 1984 Index	1,200
Stationery & supplies	676
Postage	520
Research	268
Pictures	208
Telephone	175
Miscellaneous	169

Total	\$10,722
Carryover from 1984	2,005
Balance on hand	1,018

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Rathbone Woman Was Among First Professional Librarians

In our July 1983 issue, we outlined the impressive career of Dr. Mary Ann Rathbun (1860-1943), who became a world-famous marine biologist with the benefit of only a high-school education, in a day when few women entered fields other than teaching and nursing, even with higher education. This is the story of another cousin of the same era, a Rathbone woman, who did attend college and then broke new ground for women by becoming one of America's earliest and most prominent professional librarians.

Josephine Adams Rathbone was born Sept. 10, 1864, in Jamestown, N.Y., the daughter of Dr. Joshua Henry⁸ Rathbone (William⁷ Joshua⁶⁻³ John²⁻¹) and Elizabeth Bacon Adams.

She was born into a rich and socially prominent family of Providence, R.I. Her grandfather Rathbone was a wealthy cotton merchant in Providence and Augusta, Ga. Her father had studied medicine at Harvard University and in Europe, a rarity for doctors in that era. Her mother was descended from a prominent southern family and was an early leader of the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association, which purchased and restored George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, Va.

Josephine was sent to Wellesley College in 1882, when she was 18, and later attended the University of Michigan, although she did not earn a degree at either. In 1891, she became attracted to the newly emerging profession of library science, and enrolled at the New York State Library School at Albany, then only four years old. She received a degree — bachelor of library sciences — two years later, in 1893, having worked part time as assistant librarian for an Albany library.

She then joined the Pratt Institute Free Library in Brooklyn, N.Y., founded only six years earlier as the first free public library in the New York City area. She was hired as a cataloguer but also taught in the Institute's new library



*Josephine Adams Rathbone
(1864-1941)*

(Picture courtesy of the American Library Association)

school. When it was reorganized in 1895 as a full-fledged library school, she was named assistant director.

In 1904, she became chief instructor and was considered one of the nation's best librarians. In 1911, the school's directorship became vacant. In today's society, Josephine would have been the natural candidate for the post. In that day, as a woman, she was not even considered. The job went to a man, and Josephine was given the title of "vice-director" as well as chief instructor.

Josephine was an avid reader herself, and had a lifelong love of books. She once wrote: "The essence of librarianship is to know books and to understand the book needs of people." In the period after World War I, her reputation spread throughout library circles. She wrote extensively for the American Library Association Manual, the Encyclopedia of Education and the Library Journal.

Although she loved books, Josephine did not lead a sedentary life. She traveled extensively, and counted mountain climbing and canoeing among her many hobbies. In 1919, she wrote a book, "Viewpoints in Travel."

During World War I, she had organized an armed services camp library system for men in uniform. She became active in the American Library Association, serving as board member, vice-president and finally president in 1931-32. Earlier she had served as president of the Association of Library Schools in 1921, president of the New York Library Club in 1918-19, and president of the Long Island Library Club in 1912-13.

Josephine, who never married, was described by a contemporary as "small and trim, usually dressed in tailored suits . . . brisk and executive-like in her conduct and gait."

She retired in 1938 at the age of 73, and moved to Augusta, Georgia, where she died three years later, in 1941.

In her lifetime, she was one of America's best-known librarians, and helped develop the profession into the highly regarded field it is today.

WE THANK the following members who have sent us family data, pictures, clippings and other material in recent months: Rob Rathbun, E.C. (Ted) Rathbun, Roland Rathbun, Bettye Rathbone, Margery Foss, Rosma Limbeck, Jean Walker, Lauren Landis, Fred and Shirley Rathbun, Grove and Janet Rathbun, Art Schroeck, Lois McEachern, Charles Murray, Beverly Gillette, Bryce and Marilyn Rathbun, Dale Rathbun, Louise Duffey, Fern Thompson, Robb Osborn, Virginia McPeak, Robert and Betty Rathbone, Mary Lou Sharp, Betty Bonawitz, Josephine Reed, Richard N. Rathbun, Hazel Jones, Rhea Lafferty, Edison Rathbone, Glenn E. Rathbun, Hazel Jones and Phyllis Cuevas.

More Than 80 Cousins Have Served in Medical Profession

More than 80 Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns have served as medical doctors in America during the past two centuries, beginning with the era of country "herb doctors" and progressing to the highly educated, skilled specialists of today. From numerous sources and with valuable help from the American Medical Association, we have compiled a list of all these cousins, including those who are licensed physicians or surgeons today. Following is a brief history of American medicine, and a list of former doctor cousins. Names of current family doctors will appear in the next Historian.

Medical practice in colonial America was a far cry from today's methods. Medication was limited to only a few effective remedies — quinine for malaria, paregoric for dysentery and calomel as a laxative. Most housewives had their own favorite mixtures, consisting primarily of extracts made from herbs, tree bark and animal products, often mixed with alcohol and sweetened with honey or molasses.

Some people achieved a semi-doctor status through the successful — or lucky — use of such homemade potions.

Amputation was the most common surgery and opium or whiskey was the only anesthetic. Sterilization was unknown, and surgeons were more concerned about rust rather than dirt on their instruments. They had no concept of germs or bacteria.

Bloodletting was a standard practice under the principle of getting rid of "bad blood." Leeches were commonly used for this purpose, but all doctors carried a lancet and bowl for drawing blood. As much as two quarts were sometimes drained from patients. A doctor in 1859 estimated that he had drawn more than 100 barrels of blood during his career.

Also popular was the "clyster," an early version of the enema, in which a foot-long pewter instrument was used to pump soapy water or salt solutions into suffering patients.



A typical "Doctor on Horseback" of the 1800s.

Colonial doctors faced a variety of medical problems. Broken bones from horse kicks were common. A simple leg fracture would be set and put in a splint, but compound fractures meant amputation with crude knives and saws. Frostbite in winter was another regular problem, often ending with amputation of fingers or toes. Serious cuts and lacerations were sewn shut, but without regard for cleanliness. Infection was common and often led to gangrene, amputation or death.

Epidemic disease was the greatest fear — yellow fever, typhoid, cholera and smallpox. It has been estimated that most pre-1800 Americans had pock-marked faces from smallpox. A yellow fever outbreak in Philadelphia in 1793 killed 4000 persons, but the most learned doctors of the day could only recommend such ancient countermeasures as public bonfires, to "purify the air," garlic cloves placed in shoes

and pockets, or the ever-popular bloodletting.

Doctors were almost as helpless with the more common illnesses — la grippe (influenza), ague (malaria) and consumption (tuberculosis). They did not have to worry about pregnancy or childbirth; that was the job of midwives. There was a centuries-old notion that men should not be involved in the birth process.

Most of the trained colonial doctors had attended college in England or France. The first American medical school, the College of Philadelphia, was not founded until 1765. The vast majority of practicing doctors had no college education, but learned their profession as apprentices to other physicians.

Under this apprentice system, a young man seeking a medical career worked several years for an established doctor, starting as a semi-servant, sweeping floors, mixing medicines and

watching the doctor at work. Eventually, he would be allowed to lance abscesses, set fractures and sew up cuts. At the end of his apprenticeship, he would receive a "Certificate of Proficiency" and begin to practice on his own.

By the mid-1800s, the need for better education and training was recognized, and scores of medical "colleges" were established throughout the country. Many were little more than "diploma mills," but the situation improved after the American Medical Association was organized in 1846 and began to insist on proper training.

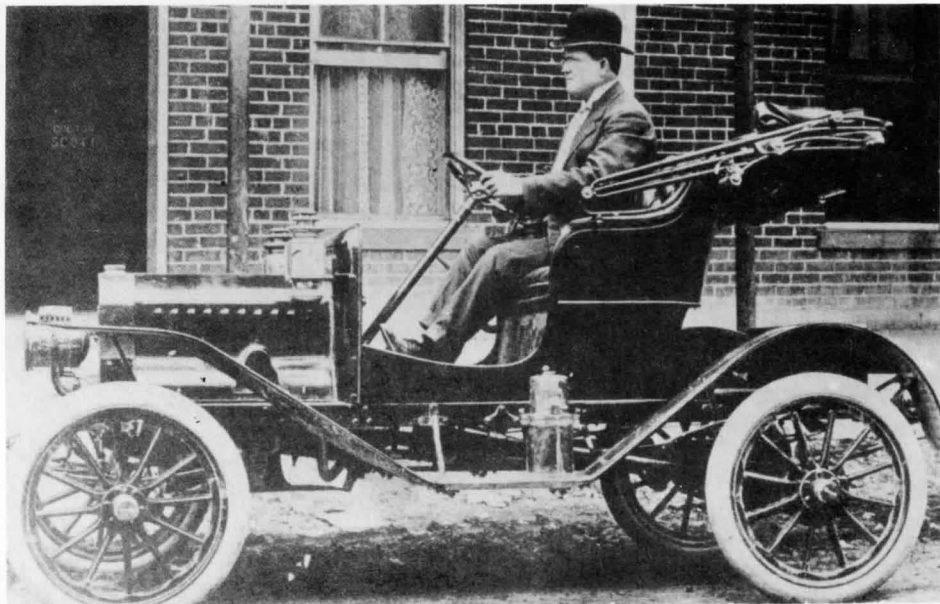
Most medical schools also taught pharmacy and many early doctors were pharmacists as well.

In 1873, Texas became the first state to establish a board of medical examiners, and by 1898, all the states had licensing laws. Bloodletting gradually fell out of favor, sanitation and sterilization of instruments were promoted, and ether was developed as an anesthetic. Medicine was moving into the modern age.

Except in cities, office visits in early America were rare. Doctors made house calls, often after riding miles on horseback to treat patients in rural areas. They kept their saddlebags packed with medicines at all times so they could leave at a moment's notice when they received word of an emergency. By the late 1800s, most doctors traveled in horse-drawn buggies, although city doctors often used bicycles. Development of the automobile in the early 1900s made their travels easier and quicker.

The day of the "horse and buggy" doctors is long since gone, along with the apprentice system, bloodletting and house calls. But we should not be too harsh in judging them. They did their best under great limitations of knowledge and equipment. Even with their primitive tools and lack of proper medicine, they did a valuable and valiant job, working with sincerity and compassion to care for the sick and injured. The doctor was always counted among the most respected citizens of every community.

We can be proud that so many of our cousins were numbered among these pioneer doctors, and that so many today are among our nation's skilled physicians and surgeons.



One of the many doctors of the early 1900s who used the then new automobile to make his daily calls.

Century-Old 'Cancer Cure' May Prove to be Worthwhile

The home medicines of the 19th Century, the so-called "Granny Remedies," are often ridiculed today. We laugh at such concoctions as green walnut juice, onions boiled in sulphur molasses, or whiskey laced with red pepper. But some old-time ideas were not so far-fetched. Foxglove leaves, once dried and used for heart ailments, contain digitalis, used today as a heart stimulant. Mold scraped from cheese or bread was once smeared on open sores. Today, we use penicillin, a mold derivative.

A cancer "cure" was reportedly developed nearly 100 years ago by John Parmiter, who married Edith Maybelle Rathburn, daughter of David⁷ Rathburn (Lewis⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). The story is told by Donna Barhyte, one of our members who is Parmiter's great-niece:

"Uncle John obtained the formula from an old Indian who lived near him in Athens County, Ohio. It was a salve made out of herbs he picked on the hillside and cooked outdoors in an iron pan. It was black and sticky.

"One of the women relatives had breast cancer and was completely cured by Uncle John's salve. He had her come to his house to stay while he treated her. The salve was applied to the cancer and covered with a bandage. The bandage had to be changed carefully as none of the cancer could be removed until every root and tentacle came loose and dropped out.

"He removed many other cancers from friends and neighbors and kept the specimens in jars of formaldehyde in his tool shed. After his death, Aunt Edith decided she didn't like all that smelly stuff so she buried it. Uncle John would never reveal the formula to anyone, so now it is gone."

Sounds like nonsense, right? But now read these quotes from a 1985 news story:

"Smith Collins Pharmaceutical Inc. hopes to market a drug called KC-101, a compound of zinc chloride and natural herbs. The drug is produced as a paste

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Cousins Who Were Doctors

1. DR. ABEL GOODRICH RATHBONE (1837-1917), son of Erastus⁷ Rathbone (Abel⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹); attended medical lectures in Cincinnati while teaching school in Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1860; graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine in 1862; practiced at New Lyme, Ohio, and also operated a drug store; licensed in Ohio in 1896.

2. DR. ADDISON MILTON RATHBUN (1854-1934), son of Sebra⁶ Rathbun (George⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹); graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1878; licensed in Minnesota in 1898; practiced at Rice, Minn.

3. DR. ALVIN RATHBURN (1791-1856), son of Daniel⁶ Rathbun (William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹); education unknown; was a "preceptor" (teacher) 1849-50 at Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio; practiced at Rutland, Meigs County, Ohio.

4. DR. AMOS RATHBUN (1800-1847), son of Amos⁵ Rathbun (Thomas⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹); no known formal training; described as an itinerant doctor in Erie County, Pa., specializing in the use of the then-new kerosene as a cure for colds and throat infections.

5. DR. ANDREW J. RATHBUN (1836-1910+), son of Lyman⁷ Rathbun (William⁶⁻⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹); education unknown; practiced at Youngstown, Ohio.

6. DR. CHARLES RATHBUN (1809-1893+), son of John⁶ Rathbun (Clark⁵ Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹); education unknown; practiced at Marysville, Ohio, 1845-1862; then in Washington County, Ind.

7. DR. CHARLES CLARY RATHBONE (1865-1938), son of Charles⁶ Rathbone (Samuel⁵ John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹); graduated in 1892 from the Medical Department of Columbia College, New York; licensed in New York in 1893 and California in 1900; practiced in Los Angeles.

8. DR. CLARENCE ADDISON RATHBUN (1891-1944), son of Dr. Addison Milton⁷ Rathbun (above); graduated in 1914 from Bennett Medical College, Chicago (now Stritch College of Medicine, Loyola Univ.); licensed in Nebraska in 1916 and Minnesota in 1916; practiced in Rice, Sauk Rapids and St. Cloud, Minn.

9. DR. DANIEL CLARK RATHBURN (1820-1882), son of Daniel⁷ Rathbun (Daniel⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹); education unknown; practiced in Meigs County, Ohio, and was also a pharmacist; served as a surgeon in the Ohio National Guard in 1864 during the Civil War.



A typical doctor of the late 1880s, with boots on and medicine kit ready, and carrying a riding crop to hasten his horse on his medical rounds.

10. DR. DANIEL CLARK RATHBURN JR. (1844-1907), son of Dr. Daniel Clark Rathbun (above); graduated in 1867 from Miami Medical College, Ohio, and practiced in Meigs County, Ohio; licensed in 1896.

11. DR. EDWARD DOUGLAS RATHBUN (1827-1898), son of Dr. Lorenzo⁶ Rathbun (Dr. John⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹); graduated from Evansville (Ind.) Medical College and practiced at McLeansville, Ill.

12. DR. EDWARD E. RATHBUN (1831-1900+), son of Erastus⁶ Rathbun (Edward⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹); education unknown; practiced in 1862 at Zanesville, Ohio; 1866 at Keithville, Ill., and by 1900 at Wichita, Kan.

13. DR. EPHRAIM D. RATHBUN (1844-1924), son of Hiram⁷ Rathbun (Robert⁶⁻⁵ Jeremiah⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹); graduated in 1899 from Northwestern Medical College, St. Joseph, Mo., but had practiced prior to that time; licensed in 1899 in Oklahoma and practiced at Oklahoma City.

14. DR. FRANCIS WAIT RATHBONE (1856-1916), son of John Castelli⁶ Rathbone (William⁵ Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹); graduated in 1883 from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia; licensed in Missouri in 1885; Kansas in 1901, and Florida in 1914; was professor of chemistry for several years at Kansas City (Kan.) College and Kansas Medical College.

15. DR. FRANK DARLINGTON RATHBUN (1854-1929), son of Dr. John⁷ Rathbun (Elihu⁶ Solomon⁵ Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹); graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1877; Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1878; licensed in Illinois in 1877, Colorado in 1902; practiced most of his career in New Windsor, Ill.

16. DR. FREDERICK JUDD RATHBUN (1891-1943), son of Dr. Frank D. Rathbun (above), and brother of Dr. George L. Rathbun (below); graduated from

Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1913; licensed in Illinois in 1913, Colorado in 1930; practiced most of his career in New Windsor, Ill.

17. DR. GEORGE LAWRENCE RATHBUN (1884-1969), son of Dr. Frank D. Rathbun (above); graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1913; served in the medical service in World War I; employed by the Iowa State Medical Department for several years, then practiced at New Windsor, Ill., with his brother, Dr. Frederick J. Rathbun (above); served on the staff of the Galesburg (Ill.) Cottage Hospital.

18. DR. GRENVILLE A. RATHBUN (1855-1921), son of Alfred⁶ Rathbun (Epaphroditus⁵ Simeon⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹); graduated in 1888 from New York Homeopathic Medical College, and was registered that year in Atlantic County, N.J.; he later became an Episcopal minister.

19. DR. GROVE HEMAN RATHBUN (1880-1919), son of Heman⁸ Rathbun (Nathaniel⁷ Gideon⁶ Paris⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹); graduated with honors in 1902 from Omaha Medical College; served as a miners' physician in South Dakota; moved to Fremont, Neb., in 1912 and established a hospital there; served in the Army as a medical officer in World War I.

20. DR. HENRY FULLER RATHBUN (1883-1941), son of Daniel⁷ Rathbun (Greene⁶⁻⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹); graduated in 1906 from University and Bellevue Hospital Medical Center, New York; licensed in New York, 1907, and Colorado in 1911.

21. DR. HOWARD KEMP RATHBUN (1914-1984), son of Frank⁸ Rathbun (Clarence⁷ Erastus⁶ Russell⁵ Simeon⁴ Thomas³ John²⁻¹); graduated in 1938 from Johns Hopkins University Medical School, in Baltimore; interned at Community Hospital, Roanoke, Va.; trained in internal medicine at Francis Scott Key Medical Center, Baltimore; taught internal medicine at Johns Hopkins University Medical School.

22. DR. ISAAC RATHBUN (1810-1880), son of Dyer⁶ Rathbun (Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹); apprentice to Dr. Case in Howard, N.Y.; attended Hobart College Medical Department, Geneva, N.Y.; received certificate in 1843 and practiced at Howard, N.Y.

23. DR. ISAAC HALE RATHBUN (1850-1935), son of Elihu⁶ Rathbun (Solomon⁵ Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹); graduated in 1878 from Rush Medical College, Chicago; licensed in Illinois in 1878, Nebraska in 1891 and Wisconsin in 1905.

24. DR. JAMES CULLEN RATHBURN (1826-1890), son of Dr. Alvin⁷ Rathburn (above); education unknown, licensed in 1881 in West Virginia, and probably practiced also in Gallia and Meigs Counties, Ohio.

25. DR. JAMES IRWIN RATHBURN (1881-1929), son of James⁸ Rathburn (Samuel⁷ Daniel⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹); graduated in 1904 from Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio; licensed in Ohio, 1904, Kentucky 1905, and West Virginia in 1927.

26. DR. JAMES CORBETT RATHBUN (1881-1918), son of George⁸ Rathburn (Corbett⁷ Gideon⁶ Tibbets⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹); graduated in 1909 from Bennett Medical College, Chicago, and licensed that year in Illinois; started practice in Danville, Ill., in 1910 and was killed by an interurban railroad car while on his way to an emergency call during the 1918 flu epidemic.

27. DR. JAMES LOUIS RATHBUN (1874-1917), son of George⁷ Rathbun (John⁶ Artemas⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹); graduated in 1899 from the State University of New York's College of Medicine and licensed that year in New York; practiced in New Woodstock, N.J.

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Dr. Grove H. Rathbun (left), and an early photograph (right) of his office laboratory about 1903 in a South Dakota mining town. The laboratory and a makeshift hospital were in a house built for him at the Cloverleaf Mine, in Raubaix, S.D., after he had saved the life of a miner who had fallen down a deep shaft. Dr. Rathbun, finding he had a severely fractured skull, put the

miner's head in ice, and used a screw to lift the skull and take pressure off the brain. The mine superintendent was so impressed he had the "hospital" with living quarters built for Dr. Rathbun. One of Rathbun's early associates in his mine work was Dr. Frank E. Townsend, author of the "Townsend Plan," forerunner of America's Social Security System.

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28. DR. JAMES POLK RATHBUN (1850-1921), son of Henry⁶ Rathbun (Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹); graduated in 1871 from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine; licensed in 1886 in both North and South Dakota; practiced in Seneca, S.D.

29. DR. JOEL RATHBUN (1779-1820), son of Benjamin⁴ Rathbun (Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹); education unknown; began practice in 1802 at Camden, N.Y.; served as a surgeon in the New York Militia from 1809 through the War of 1812, and practiced in Camden until his death.

30. DR. JOHN BEATTY RATHBUN (1820-1894), son of Elihu⁶ Rathbun, brother of Dr. Isaac Hale Rathbun (above), and father of Dr. Frank D. Rathbun (above); graduated in 1869 from the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, but had earlier practiced medicine in Greenville, Pa., probably after an apprenticeship; later practiced in New Windsor, Ill.

31. DR. JOHN M. RATHBURN (1794-1833?), son of Daniel⁶ Rathbun and brother of Dr. Alvin Rathburn (above); education unknown; practiced in Jackson County, Ohio, until his death.

32. DR. JOHN TILLINGHAST RATHBUN (1790-1850), son of Clark⁵ Rathbun (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹); education unknown; practiced as a "steam doctor" in Madison County, Ohio, and was also a Methodist preacher.

33. DR. JOHN WESLEY RATHBUN (1845-1917), son of Updyke⁶ Rathbun (Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹); became interested in massage and electricity for the cure of disease in 1869, and took a course in Chicago; later practiced in Keokuk, Iowa, and in several southern cities; moved to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, in 1876 and opened a mineral water establishment.

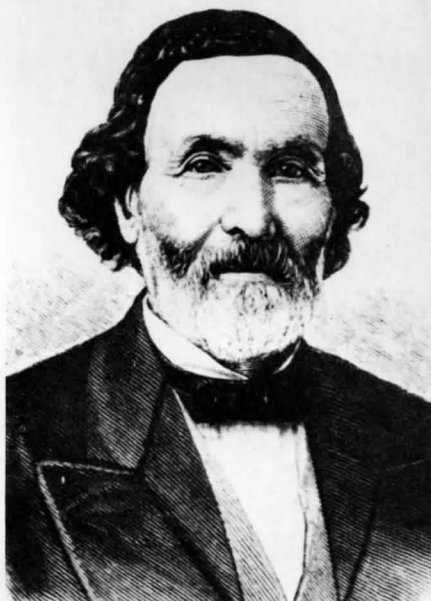
34. DR. JOHN ZACCHEUS RATHBUN (1771-1868), son of Daniel⁴ Rathbun (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) and father of Drs. Lorenzo and Valentine Rathbun (below); education unknown; practiced at Ballston Spa, N.Y., from about 1802 to

1822, and then moved to Scipio, N.Y., where he practiced until retiring at age 71 in 1842; he was probably our family's first "regular" doctor.

35. DR. JOSEPH RATHBURN (1823-1856), son of Dr. Alvin Rathburn (above); served an apprenticeship with his father and then attended Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, in 1849-50; practiced in Rutland, Meigs County, Ohio.

36. DR. JOSHUA HENRY RATHBONE (1832-1877), son of William⁷ Rathbone (Joshua⁶⁻³ John²⁻¹); studied medicine at Harvard Medical School in 1858; then at Heidelberg University, Germany, and at Paris; practiced at James-town, N.Y., until his death.

37. DR. JOSIAH RATHBUN (1795-1879), son of Josiah⁵ Rathbun (Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹); studied with doctors in his home town of Lowville, N.Y.; attended Onondaga Academy, N.Y., while teaching school, and then graduated from the Medical College of New York; practiced in Martinsburg, N.Y., from 1825 until 1833, and then at Utica, N.Y., until his death.



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38. DR. LAVEGA RATHBUN (1852-1885), son of Dr. Isaac Rathbun (above); studied with his father and then attended the University of Buffalo Medical School, graduating in 1875; practiced in Steuben County, N.Y.

39. DR. LORENZO RATHBUN (1801-1885), son of Dr. John Z. Rathbun (above); studied with his father at Ballston Spa, N.Y., then moved to McLeansville, Illinois, and began practicing about 1822; retired in 1878, aged 77.

40. DR. MATEN FLOYD RATHBUN (1894-1948), son of Valentine⁶ Rathbun (William⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹); attended Michigan State Normal School 1915-17, then enrolled at Chicago Medical School and graduated in 1921; licensed in Illinois in 1921 and practiced at Valparaiso and Chicago.

41. DR. NATHAN RATHBUN (1753-1841), son of Thomas³ Rathbun (John²⁻¹); a farmer and justice of the peace in Exeter, R.I., he studied medicine in mid-life and practiced at Exeter and Hopkinton, R.I.

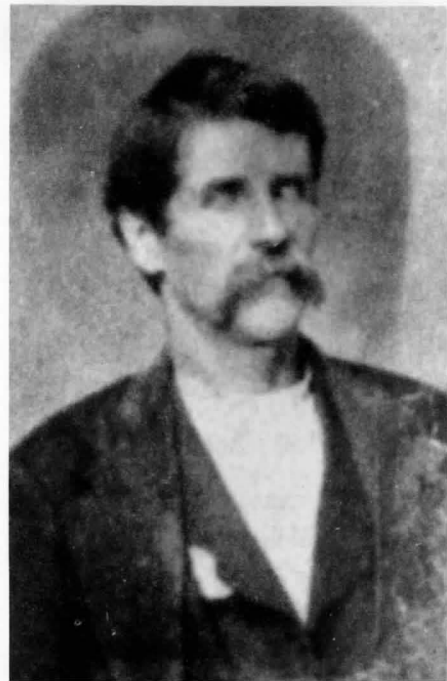
42. DR. NATHANIEL PHILIP RATHBUN (1876-1949), son of Alvah⁶ Rathbun (Nathaniel⁷ Samuel⁶⁻⁵ Nathaniel⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹); graduated in 1898 from the State University of New York's College of Education; electro-urinary specialist certified by the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons and the American Urological Association; for many years chief of the urologic service of Brooklyn (N.Y.) Hospital; consulting urologist for several hospitals in the New York City area; in 1946 awarded his alma mater's second alumni medallion for distinguished service to American medicine.

43. DR. NELSON RATHBUN (1814-1893), son of Dr. John Tillinghast Rathbun (above); studied medicine with his father and like his father was both a doctor and Methodist preacher; also a justice of the peace, postmaster and member of the Iowa State Legislature; co-founder of Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

44. DR. RALPH RHETT RATHBONE (1902-1972), son of Ralph⁸ Rathbone (John⁷ Gideon⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹); graduated in 1929 from the University of Michigan's Medical School, and interned at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit; specialized in allergies, dermatology and radiology, and was certified by the American Board of Radiology.

45. DR. ROBERT HALE RATHBONE (1895-1968), son of William⁸ Rathbone (John⁷⁻⁶ Samuel⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹); earned a bachelor's degree in 1924 at Stanford University and graduated in 1920 from Yale College of Medicine; practiced in Los Angeles.

46. DR. SERENO RATHBURN (1804-1876), son of Elijah⁶ Rathburn (William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹); probably studied medicine with his cousin, Dr. Alvin Rathburn (above), and practiced at Salem Township, Meigs County, Ohio.



Dr. Sereno Rathburn (left) and his medical kit (right), which dates back some 150 years. The hand indicates the size of the bag, which is about eight inches long and four inches wide. It still contains all but one of the original bottles of medicine used by Dr. Rathburn, each neatly labeled. The bag is made from

47. DR. SOLOMON RATHBUN (1764-1849), son of Job⁴ Rathbun (Joshua³ John²⁻¹); he was a tailor but in late life he "invented" a machine which generated an electric current, and which he used to treat rheumatism and other diseases in Allegany and Genesee counties, N.Y.

48. DR. THOMAS RATHBUN (1695-1756), son of Thomas² Rathbun (John¹); he was apparently a typical "herb doctor" of his day in Exeter, R.I.; in 1747, the town council paid him four pounds for "doctoring Hannah Bly," the destitute mother of an illegitimate child; he was our family's first "doctor."

49. DR. VALENTINE RATHBUN (1843-1872), son of Dr. Lorenzo Rathbun (above); studied with his father, then enrolled at the Kentucky School of Medicine, graduating in 1871; died a year later.



leather and is badly deteriorated from age. It is owned by a descendant, Doris (Rathburn) Prentice. Our thanks to Louise (Rathburn) Duffey, also a descendant, who located the kit and obtained these pictures for us.

50. DR. WALTER LATHAM RATHBUN (1878-1949), son of Walter⁷ Rathbun (Samuel⁶⁻⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹); see separate story on his outstanding career.

51. DR. WILLIAM RUFUS RATHBUN (1885-1973), son of George⁸ Rathbun (Levant⁷ Williams⁶⁻⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹); graduated in 1909 from the Albany Medical College of Union University, Albany, N.Y.; practiced in New York state.

52. DR. WILLIAM T. RATHBUN (1869-1935), son of Jesse⁷ Rathbun (Joseph⁶ Clark⁵ Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹); graduated in 1892 from the University of California Medical Department, San Francisco; practiced at Colusa, Calif.

(A list of current family doctors will appear in the next issue.)

Rathbun Doctor Credited With Helping to End TB

Dr. Walter Latham Rathbun, one of our many doctor cousins, is given major credit for eliminating tuberculosis as one of the most serious health threats in America. His interest in the disease began when he himself was stricken with TB when he was a young man.

Born in Noank, Conn., in 1878, Walter came from a long line of ocean-going fishermen, and as a young boy worked on his father's fishing schooner, harpooning swordfish and hauling in cod, halibut and other deep-sea fish.

An excellent baseball player, he spent some time with the semi-pro Boston Specials, playing left field, batting in the clean-up position and leading his league in home-runs and RBI's.

He was also an accomplished musician, playing the trombone in the Noank Brass Band and later at Yale University, where he earned a medical degree in 1903.

He interned at hospitals in New York City and New Haven, Conn., but his career came to a halt when he fell ill, and diagnosed himself as having tuberculosis. He entered a sanitarium for the only treatment then available — a "rest cure."

Upon his release, he worked for nearly a year as an assistant in another TB sanitarium, then opened a private practice at Litchfield, Conn. He had to give it up when he was stricken with a recurrence of the disease.

After nine months at another sanitarium, where he also served as assistant physician, he accepted an appointment to a New York hospital as an assistant, and then in 1908 was named assistant superintendent of the New York City Sanitarium at Otisville, N.Y. He was named superintendent four years later.

By this time, he had decided to devote his career to finding a cure for tuberculosis.

As a member of the Naval Reserve, he was called to duty when the U.S. entered World War I, and was named

senior surgeon for chest cases on a troop ship. On eight trips, carrying soldiers back from Europe, he treated hundreds of patients, some poison gas victims, some suffering with pneumonia, but nearly 1000 with tuberculosis.

After the war, he returned to his fight against TB, and in 1922 was named superintendent of Newton Memorial Hospital at Cassadaga, N.Y., in Chautauqua County, which had the nation's highest death rate per capita from tuberculosis.

His goal was to wipe out the disease, and in the next two decades, his work led to just that.

First, he ordered tuberculin tests for all school children in the county, and followed up with Xrays for all those with positive reactions. He then went to work on adults, to find those who were carriers of the disease. Using a portable Xray machine, he set up regular clinics in every city and town in the county. Free clinics were held at the hospital, even on Sundays, since working adults were not available on week days.

He threw himself with such vigor into the campaign that his own health suffered. After working seven-day weeks, without vacations, for eight years, he suffered a severe tuberculosis remission. Surgery was ordered, and he was left with a permanently collapsed right lung.

The loss of a lung did not stop him. He continued with his work and soon became one of the nation's top TB diagnosticians. From all over the country, he was sent Xray films of difficult cases for diagnosis. He never charged for this service, considering it a labor of love.

He was one of the first to recognize the need to isolate children with tuberculosis, and in the late 1920s, Newton Hospital built a special addition for that purpose — naming it the Dr. Walter L. Rathbun Children's Pavillion. It provided for complete segregation of children, and had facilities for housing entire families when the need arose. He



*Dr. Walter Latham Rathbun
(1878-1949)*

also established a summer camp for undernourished children, to provide them with proper food, fresh air and recreation.

Despite the great acclaim his efforts brought him and the hospital, Dr. Rathbun still sought a way to eliminate TB entirely. He began researching the "miracle drugs" which had been developed during and after World War II. He and his staff experimented feverishly, with different drugs and different dosages, and eventually hit pay dirt with Streptomycin in carefully controlled dosages. Patients, literally on their death beds, were released within six to eight weeks, completely cured and with 30 or more pounds of weight restored.

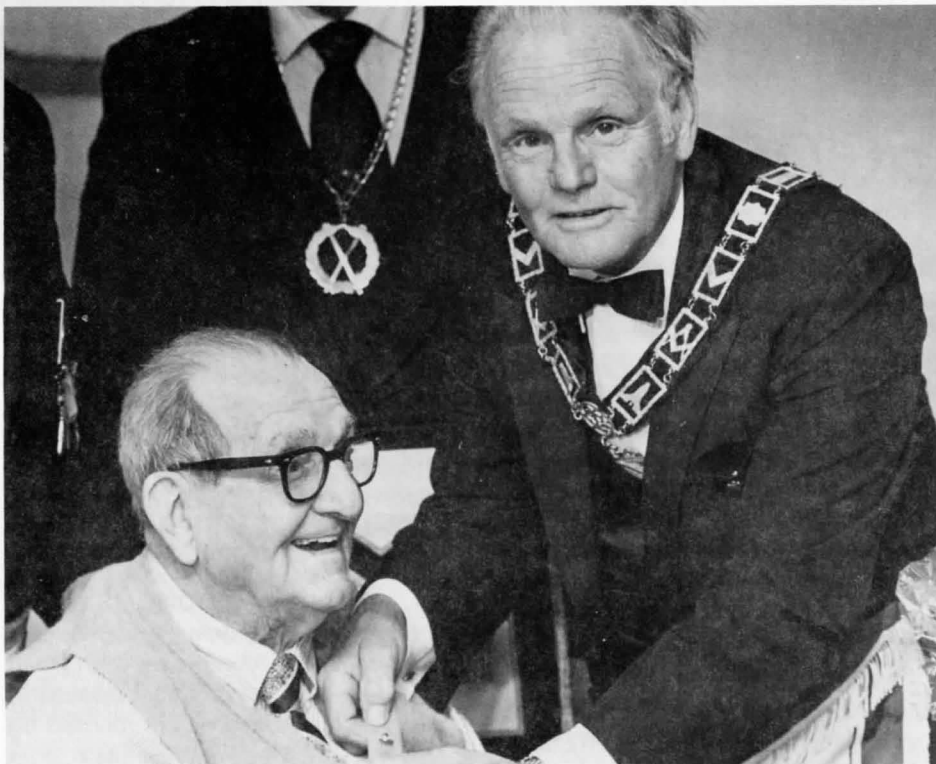
Within a few years, most of his own patients were cured, and by the late 1940s TB sanitariums all over the country were being closed for a lack of new victims. His dream of conquering tuberculosis had been achieved.

Sadly, Dr. Rathbun did not live long enough to enjoy the final victory. He died in 1949 after a year's battle with cancer. Of all the many awards and commendations he received both before and after his death, one of the most striking was an editorial on his death in the Dunkirk Evening Observer, published in Chautauqua County, where he did so much of his work:

"Many hundreds of young adults in Chautauqua County are not aware of

the debt they owe to the foresight and vision of Dr. Walter L. Rathbun . . . perhaps millions are unconscious of the fact that they owe their health and well being to this kindly physician who triumphed for himself and countless others in the battle against a dread disease. . . Few men deserve the adjective 'great.' Dr. Rathbun did. Great men are not always lovable. They become too aware of their greatness. Dr. Rathbun never was. He remained to the end of his days a simple, unaffected very human being, a typically genial and friendly family doctor . . . his mind was great; his heart was greater."

(We thank our member, James P. Rathbun, a son of Dr. Walter L. Rathbun, for providing the material for this fascinating story of his father's outstanding life and achievements.)



Fred Amos Alexander Rathbun, 91, grins happily as he is presented with a pin for 65 years' membership in Rhode Island's Masonic Charity Lodge #23. Making the presentation, in the Westerly nursing home where Fred lives, is the Lodge Master, Edmund A. Britland. Fred is the father of our member, Ellen (Mrs. Elwyn) Kenyon, and the brother of our members, Sadie Webster and Hazel Ritchie. The 65-year pin is rare in the Masonic fraternity.

Cancer Cure

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that is applied to cancerous tissue and covered with a bandage. The paste causes the cancerous tissue to atrophy and slough off, precluding the need for surgery. It has been used successfully for about seven years in Portugal."

A paste made from herbs, applied directly to a cancer, and then covered with a bandage until the cancer falls off! Maybe John Parmiter was just a century ahead of his time.

There is a rare disease known as Rathbun's Syndrome, or hypophosphatasia, characterized by low levels of alkaline phosphate in body tissues and serum, resulting in stunted growth and other problems. Does anyone know the doctor for whom the disease was named? (Thanks to Victor and Ruth Streeter.)

Reunions Held

The Spring Valley (Minnesota) Rathbuns held their annual family reunion on September 28. Descendants of Byron⁷ Rathbun (Gamaliel⁶ Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹) hosted the event, with 59 cousins in attendance. Three great-grandchildren of Byron's brother, John Damon Rathbun, also attended, including one of our new members, Elaine Flathers. Also present were Ted and Vera Thye of Burlington, Iowa, Association members, who met the Spring Valley cousins at our Des Moines reunion in August. Reelected were all the reunion committee officers — President Marlin Rathbun, Secretary Irma Rathbun and Historian Sharon Jahn. Plans are already under way for the 1986 reunion.

Descendants of Winfred P. Rathbun (1884-1973) gathered at Presque Ile, Mich., July 25-27 for a family reunion. Among them were Winfred's four children — Milton and Russell Rathbun,

and Muriel (Rathbun) Mercer, all members of our Association, and Donald Rathbun. Winfred was the son of Dutee⁸ Rathbun (George⁷ Joshua⁶ Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). Muriel Mercer reported the arrival of a new grandson, Alexander Richard Mercer, born June 13 and adopted by her son, Dr. Mark William Mercer. Since then, Muriel has again become a grandmother: Laura Elizabeth Jensen was born Sept. 18 to her daughter and son-in-law, Kurt and Carol (Mercer) Jensen.

WANTED— Names of and information on the children of Martha (Patty) Rathbun, who married Malachi Sanford, and Mary (Molly) Rathbun, who married Ezra Sanford. Both women were born between 1764 and 1770 in Berkshire County, Mass., and were daughters of Amos⁴ Rathbun (Joshua³ John²⁻¹) and Martha Robinson.

Genealogy: The Sixth Generation in America

16. VALENTINE WIGHTMAN⁶ RATHBONE (Samuel⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born Sept. 13, 1788, at Salem, Conn., and moved as a young man to Albany, N.Y. He married there on Sept. 11, 1814, Nancy Forsythe, born in 1790, parentage unknown. He was in the wholesale grocery business in Albany for many years. He died May 18, 1833, at Clarkston, N.Y. Nancy died May 27, 1867, at Albany.

CHILDREN

HARRIET N., born in 1815; married John H. Nichols.

LYDIA ANN, born July 31, 1816; died Nov. 15, 1819.

LEWIS, born Feb. 13, 1818; married (1) Lavinia Silliman, (2) Mary (Smyth) Strong.

JOHN FINLEY, born Oct. 18, 1819; married Mary A. (Baker) Allen.

JULIA ANN, born about 1821; married (1) James Kennedy, (2) Rev. _____ Starkey.

SARAH F., born Nov. 1, 1824; died Dec. 1, 1825.

FREDERICK F., born Oct. 1, 1828; died July 12, 1829.

17. JARED LEWIS⁶ RATHBONE (Samuel⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born Oct. 2, 1791, at Salem, Conn., and moved as a young man to Albany, N.Y. He married on June 26, 1834, Pauline Noyes Penney, born May 27, 1809, daughter of Joel and _____ Penney. He was associated in business with his brother, Joel; served as a member of the city council, and in 1839 was appointed mayor of the city. He was elected mayor in 1840, the city's first elected mayor and the last appointed mayor. He died May 13, 1845, at Albany. His widow married Senator Ira Harris in 1848, and died Dec. 2, 1875, in Florida.

CHILDREN

CHARLES, born July 25, 1835; died Feb. 13, 1837.

HENRY REED, born July 1, 1837; married Clara Hamilton Harris.

ANNA PAULINE, born Sept. 10, 1840; died Dec. 13, 1842.

JARED LAWRENCE, born Sept. 28, 1844; married Marie Atherton.

18. JOEL⁶ RATHBONE (Samuel⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born Aug. 3, 1806, moved to Albany as a young man and clerked in the grocery business of his brother, Valentine. He married on May 5, 1829, Emeline Weld Munn, born in 1810, daughter of Lewis and Louisa (Weld) Munn. In 1827, he went into the stove foundry business, and made a fortune. He retired in 1841 and moved to an estate at Bethlehem, south of the city. He died Sept. 12, 1863, in Paris, France. Emeline died Aug. 25, 1874.

CHILDREN

JARED LEWIS, born April 23, 1830; died Aug. 20, 1831.

ERASTUS CORNING, born Jan. 11, 1832; died Feb. 2, 1832.

JOEL HOWARD, born June 11, 1835; died unmarried on March 29, 1865. He was an officer in the Marine Corps during the Civil War.

SARAH, born Dec. 5, 1837; married Gen. Frederick Townsend Nov. 19, 1863.

ALBERT, born May 27, 1841; died Dec. 10, 1865, unmarried.

CLARENCE, born Nov. 17, 1844; married Angelica Talcott.

EDWARD WELD, born Oct. 20, 1848; died July 30, 1849.

19. TRUMAN⁶ RATHBUN (Ashley⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born June 23, 1790, probably at Colchester, Conn. He moved as a boy with his parents to Madison County, N.Y., and married, probably there, on July 11, 1819, Huldah

Lewis, born in 1800, ancestry unknown. He had served five years in the Army, including service in the War in 1812. He moved by 1830 to Cicero, Onondaga County, N.Y., and in 1836 to Calhoun County, Mich. By 1840 he was in Lyons, Oakland County, Mich., where he died Oct. 27, 1856. His widow died May 14, 1878, in Plymouth or Livonia, Mich.

CHILDREN

GEORGE W., born May 15, 1820; married Aurelia Hopkins.

DAUGHTER (name unknown); born about 1825; died young.

WASHINGTON, born Aug. 28, 1828; died March 6, 1829.

20. ISAIAH⁶ RATHBUN (Ashley⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born July 4, 1792, in Madison County, N.Y., and married there July 4, 1822, Eleanor Fanny Crownhart, born June 2, 1804, daughter of George and _____ Crownhart. He served five years in the Army, including service during the War of 1812, and was described as six feet tall, with blue eyes, brown, curly hair and light complexion. He became a sergeant. He moved by 1830 to Cicero, Onondaga County, N.Y., and about 1836 to Brandon, Oakland County, Mich. He died there April 18, 1864. His wife died in Genesee County, Mich., on Sept. 10, 1880.

CHILDREN

MARY, born April 28, 1823; died May 12, 1823.

MARTHA (or MARY), born March 15, 1824; married Amilus Higley on March 10, 1848.

ISAIAH S., born May 12, 1825; married (1) Clarinda Fox, (2) Electa Perkins.

AMANDA, born Nov. 17, 1826; married John S. Matthews Oct. 6, 1846.

CHARLES, born Oct. 28, 1828; married Gloria Deyo.

RILEY, born Aug. 27, 1830; married Julia Fenner (or Fermer).

CHARLOTTE, born Feb. 20, 1832; married Hiram A. Fenner (or Fermer).

HORATIO G. SPAFFORD, born April 16, 1834; married Ella Miller.

GEORGE W., born Feb. 2, 1836; married Azuriah Lawrence.

CHAUNCEY O., born Feb. 21, 1837; married Mae E. Higley.

WILLIAM H., born May 16, 1840; married Clarissa E. Potter.

RUSSELL G., born May 17, 1842; married Sarah _____.

JAMES, born July 25, 1844; died Aug. 1, 1844.

MELVIN D., born June 15, 1845; served in Civil War; no further information.

MYRON COBB, born Sept. 11, 1847; married Susan Wilson.

21. ASHLEY⁶ RATHBUN (Ashley⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born in 1798 in Madison County, N.Y. He moved as a young man to Salina, Onondaga County, N.Y., where he married on July 4, 1824, Almira Garrison, daughter of David and _____ Garrison. They moved in the 1830s to Groveland, Oakland County, Mich., where he died June 18, 1876. His wife had died two years earlier on April 16, 1874.

CHILDREN

OSCAR J., born about 1827; married Marinda Palmer.

DAVID HENRY, born March 28, 1830; married Cynthia Morse.

ALONZO, born in Sept. 1832; died Oct. 16, 1846.

HARVEY B., born in 1836; died March 19, 1899, unmarried.

IRVING E., born April 17, 1841; enlisted in the Army at the outbreak of the Civil War, was captured in 1864 and died in a Confederate prison on Jan. 5, 1865.

CLARISSA EVA, born in 1844; no further information.

22. HENRY (HARRY)⁶ RATHBUN (Ashley⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born Nov. 25, 1802, in Madison County, N.Y., and moved as a young man to Salina, Onondaga County, N.Y., where he married about 1826 Elvira Deyo,

born about 1809, ancestry unknown. He became a Methodist preacher and moved in the 1830s to Brandon, Oakland County, Michigan, where he died Oct. 3, 1840. His widow married on April 11, 1844, Ezra Herrick. Her death date is not known.

CHILDREN

DAUGHTER (name unknown), born about 1827; no further information.

DAUGHTER (name unknown), born about 1829; no further information.

SARAH N., born about 1830; married William Lawrence on May 3, 1849.

FRANCES, born Oct. 1, 1836; died Dec. 15, 1854, unmarried.

POSSIBLY OTHERS, names unknown.

23. JONATHAN⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born March 10, 1791, in Salem, Conn. He married about 1823 Marie Smith, born in 1803, parentage unknown. They moved to New York City where he was in the wholesale grocery business until his death in January 1835. Cooley reported that he had become wealthy but lost a large part of his fortune. His widow was living in Brooklyn in 1856, but nothing more is known of her.

CHILDREN

DEMING LAMPHERE, born July 1, 1824; married Emily R. Demick.

THREE OTHERS, names unknown, according to Cooley.

24. ADAMS⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born July 11, 1792, at Salem, Conn., and married there on Sept. 16, 1810, Phoebe Babcock, born about 1785, daughter of Abel and Elizabeth (Williams) Babcock. They apparently lived for a few years in Stephenstown, N.Y., but returned to Connecticut, where Phoebe died in 1836. He married on Aug. 6, 1837, Henrietta Payne, born about 1793, ancestry unknown. He was a carpenter at Salem, East Lyme and Norwich, all in Connecticut, and died at Norwich on Sept. 26, 1858. His second wife had died on Aug. 6, 1851.

CHILDREN

(All by Phoebe)

JULIAN, born June 6, 1811; died Aug. 11, 1812.

JONATHAN ASHLEY, born June 2, 1812; married Amanda Foote.

LUCY B., born June 26, 1815; died April 16, 1837, unmarried.

HERBERT DEMING, born April 16, 1816; married Joanna M. Turner.

JOHN ADAMS, born Nov. 29, 1818; died Dec. 1831.

HANNAH ELIZABETH, born March 5, 1821; married Giles L. Turner on March 3, 1851.

ELLEN L., born June 2, 1823; married William Wise Aug. 18, 1851.

JARED LEWIS, born May 28, 1827; married Mary W. Twombly.

JULIETTE A., born Dec. 6, 1829; married Thomas Sterry.

25. CHRISTOPHER P.⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born Aug. 2, 1794, at Salem, Conn., and married there on Nov. 1, 1823, Lydia Brown, born Aug. 4, 1805, daughter of Reuben and Ruth (Clark) Brown. They lived at Salem, where he died in April 1849. She married Seth Lathrop on Oct. 27, 1860, and died Aug. 23, 1876.

CHILDREN

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REUBEN BROWN, born Sept. 4, 1825; married (1) Ellen Martin, (2) Jewett _____.

ASHER DEMING, born in 1826; married Elizabeth M. Pierce.

ISAIAH WILCOX, born Nov. 11, 1828; married Emily Jane Austin.

JEREMIAH D., born May 10, 1835; married Sarah J. Elliott.

JULIA (twin), born May 10, 1835; married William Miner on May 13, 1854.

26. DEMING LAMPHERE⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), born July 2, 1796, at Salem, Conn. He moved as a young man to New York City, then to Ohio by 1820. He was the deputy clerk of the first court organized in Sandusky County, Ohio. He moved to Louisville, Ky., in 1830, and to Belpre, Ohio, in 1835. He married March 25, 1823, Julia Howe Putnam, born July 1, 1796, daughter of Aaron and Charlotte

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(Loring) Putnam, and a granddaughter of General Israel Putnam. She died April 6, 1824, and he married on Nov. 3, 1825, her sister, Catherine H. Putnam, born January 1, 1804. He died in 1852 at Bernadotte, Ill. Catherine died in March 1885, probably at Belpre.

CHILDREN

(By Julia)

JULIA PUTNAM, born Jan. 1, 1824; died July 26, 1844.

(By Catherine)

ELIZABETH, born Jan. 1, 1827; married Dr. William Beebe.

WILLIAM WALDO, born April 4, 1829; married Julia Ferguson.

LORING PUTNAM, born Sept. 11, 1831; died July 6, 1850, of cholera at Cincinnati.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, born May 20, 1835; married (1) Ann Lasater, (2) Louisa Rogers.

CHARLES DEMING, born July 6, 1840; married Marie Ames.

27. HIRAM G.⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Isaiah⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born April 15, 1798, at Salem, Conn. He moved as a young man to Bedford County, Virginia, and married there on Feb. 11, 1824, Thurza Harrison, born about 1804, parentage unknown. They moved by 1840 to Jackson County, Tennessee, where he apparently died in the 1840s. Thurza was living in 1850 in Wilson County, Tenn., and in 1860 in Davidson County, Tenn. Her death date is not known.

CHILDREN

JOSIAH, born about 1827; alive in 1850; no further information.

MALINDA A., born about 1829; alive in 1850 (Note: she could be Josiah's wife rather than sister).

JULIA ANN, born about 1831; married Raymond Proctor Dec. 2, 1852.

SARAH, born about 1837; married John S. Martin on June 27, 1853.

THOMAS, born about 1840; married Mary Garner.

RANSOM W., born about 1842; alive in 1850; no further information.

JANE, born about 1846; alive in 1860; no further information.

New Data

One of our new members, Robb Osborn, has provided birth dates from the family bible of Perry⁵ Rathbun (Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born in 1760, which gives valuable additions to our family history. The data corrects and adds to the information on Perry and his family in Vol. 3, No. 2, Page 28.

The new information is found on a scrap of paper written in 1827 and copied from the bible by Perry's daughter, Elsa, when she left home after her marriage to John Calder on Oct. 25 of that year. Here is what she wrote:

Perry Rathbun was born in the year 1760 July 1st.

Mercy Rathbun born October 13 in the yr. 1766. (This was Mercy Babcock, Perry's wife, ancestry unknown).

Joseph Rathbun born February 28 in the year 1784.

Polly Rathbun born April 27 in the year 1786.

Alpheus Rathbun born May 3 in the year 1788.

Simeon Rathbun born September 10 in the year 1790.

Edmund Rathbun born April 14 in the year 1793.

Ebenezer Rathbun born March 14 in the year 1796.

Mercy Rathbun born August 12 in the year 1798.

John Rathbun born January 17 in the year 1802.

Daniel Rathbun born April 29 in the year 1805.

Elsa Rathbun born July 1st in the year 1807.

Electa Rathbun born October 20 in the year 1810.

Alpheus and Daniel are hitherto unknown sons, and both presumably died fairly young. Unfortunately, Elsa did not record any death dates. We previously had only three of these birth dates, and two of them were inaccurate. We also listed some children that were not Perry's, but those of his oldest son, Joseph.

Our sincere thanks to Robb Osborn and to his ancestors who have kept this valuable scrap of paper for more than 150 years.

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Samuel Rathbun, son of Jeremiah⁴ Rathbun (Joseph³⁻² John¹), had only one daughter, not two, as reported in Vol. 4, No. 4, Pages 60-61. His only daughter was Sarah (Sally) Rathbun, born Dec. 7, 1792, who **married (1) Benjamin Baker on Oct. 2, 1808, and (2) James Vincent about 1815, after Baker's death.** Sally died in Feb. 1847 at Norway, N.Y. Our thanks to Margery Foss, who located a descendant of Sally.

Mary Rathbun, daughter of Ebenezer⁴ Rathbun (Ebenezer³ William² John¹), married Joseph Cross. She died Jan. 15, 1867, in Westerly, R.I.

Hannah Rathbun, daughter of John⁴ Rathbun (John³⁻²⁻¹), apparently did not marry her cousin, Samuel⁵ Rathbun (Nathaniel⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹), as we speculated in Vol. 4, No. 2, Page 27. Hannah was described as unmarried in her father's first will, made in 1781, some six years after Samuel's marriage to an unidentified Hannah. Cooley reported that Hannah, the daughter of John⁴ Rathbun, married a Hawkins, but she was called Hannah Rathbun in her father's second will, dated in 1790. She may have married a Hawkins late in life.

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Corrections

Cornelia Rathbone, daughter of John⁶ Rathbone (Moses⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), did not marry F.W. Bert as reported in our last issue on page 61. She married Wilson Gee and was living in Potter County, Pa., in 1880. Her sister, Elizabeth Rathbone, was living with Cornelia and her family. The Cornelia who married F.W. Bert in 1842 is unidentified. Also on page 61, Lucy (Anderson) Ganson, who married Israel Rathbone in 1821, was obviously born in 1792, not 1892. Our thanks to John Bowen.

The mother of Margaret Ashley, wife of James⁵ Rathbun (Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), was Jane Dutcher, not Butcher, as reported in Vol. 3, No. 3, Page 45. This was a typographical error and we thank Rhea Lafferty for noticing it.

Obituaries

DIED—Sept. 5, 1985, Harold Fred Rathbun, 66, of Shannock, R.I. He was the son of Amos⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ Amos⁷ Newman⁶ Jonathan⁵ John⁴⁻¹). A retired textile worker and Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he is survived by his father; wife, Virginia; two daughters, Judi Ann Richmond and Jennifer Sweeney; two sons, Rex H. and Jeffrey K; six grandchildren; two sisters, Ellen Kenyon, one of our members, and Jean M. Place, and two brothers, Charles L. and Robert A.

DIED—July 8, 1985, Helen A. (Harris) Rathbun, aged 92, at Pacific Grove, Calif. She was the widow of Jay Willard⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Demornington⁷ Sebra⁶ George⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). She is survived by two daughters, Elsie Phillips and Audrey Christian, both members of our association; two sons, Jay and David, and several grandchildren.

DIED—Oct. 21, 1985, Wilbur Charles Rathbun, 22, in Providence, R.I. He was the son of our members, Arnold and Carol Rathbun, and is also survived by two sisters, Beverly Anderson and Bethany L. Rathbun, and a brother, William E. Rathbun. Wilbur was a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute when he was taken ill with encephalitis more than two years ago. His father, Arnold, is the son of Ernest⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ Seneca⁷ John⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

DIED—August 9, 1985, Ira George Rathbun, 89, in Virginia, Minn. He was the son of William Ransom⁹ Rathbun (George⁷ Ransom⁶ Daniel⁵ Joshua³, John²⁻¹). A Navy veteran of World War I and an active Mason, he is survived by his wife, Ramona; three daughters, Mary Lou Sharp, one of our members; Ramona Brandt, and Ruth Littmann; 16 grandchildren, including our member Nancy Holesapple; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Rathbun, and two sisters, Gertrude Hamer and Eleanor Craig.

DIED—Sept. 5, 1985, Howard Herbert Rathbun, 95, at Bad Axe, Mich. He was the son of Valentine⁷ Rathbun (Horace⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He was a farmer all his life and a Mason for 74 years. Survivors include three sons, Chester, Gerald and Allen; four daughters, Ariene Regentine, Ruth Knolls, Mary Vatter and Mildren Strauss; 27 grandchildren, including our member, Dale Rathbun, and 21 great-grandchildren. His last surviving brother, Vernon, died two months earlier.

DIED—August 9, 1985, Missoula (Pierce) Rathbone, 84, at Dallas, Texas. She was the widow of Dr. Ralph Rhett⁸ Rathbone (John⁷ Gideon⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). She is survived by two children, John Quincy Rathbone and Antoinette McCreary, both members of our association; four grandchildren, and three brothers. Her husband, Dr. Ralph Rhett Rathbone, was a brother of Franklin P. Rathbone, founder of the first Rathbone Family Historian in 1892.

DIED—Feb. 15, 1985, Dorothy Rathbun, aged 77, at Fremont, Ohio. She was the wife of Robert L. Rathbun, son of George⁹ Rathbun (George⁸⁻⁷ Jonathan⁶ Edmund⁵ Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children — Robert, David, Diane, Susan and John — and several grandchildren.

DIED—Nov. 2, 1985, Allie (Rathbun) Hamm, 98, in Fallon, Nevada. She was the daughter of Edmund Cooper⁸ Rathbun (John⁷⁻⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹) and Ida (Smith) Rathbun, and the widow of Benjamin F. Hamm, who died in 1951. She is survived by two daughters, Ruth Robson and Evelyn Pattison, both of Fallon; seven grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Burial was in Poland, N.Y.

People

PAUL HENRY RATHBUN is not deceased, as reported in our July issue on page 47. He is alive and well in Superior, Neb., and is a member of our Association. We apologize for this error.

ROLAND RATHBUN and his wife, Alecia, of Ballston Spa, N.Y., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Oct. 14, 1985. He is the son of Frank Wilkins¹⁰ Rathbun (Herbert⁹ Francis⁸ Joshua⁷ Abraham⁶ Joshua⁵⁻⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

DR. MARY ANNE RATHBUN and Robert Jay MacCaughelty were married in September 1984 at Charlotte, N.C. She is the daughter of John⁹ Rathbun (Lewis⁸⁻⁷ Ransom⁶ Daniel⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

ELLEN GARDNER BROWN has written and published a 152-page book, with index, on the Ancestors and Descendants of Henry Wood Gardner and Mary Brown⁸ Rathbone (Stephen⁷ Joshua⁶⁻³ John²⁻¹). Copies may be ordered from Mrs. Brown, at 463 South Country Club Drive, Atlantis, Fla. 33462, for \$20 plus \$1.50 for postage. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Rathbone Gardner, son of Henry and Mary.

LAPRELLE (RATHBONE) Weatherford and Robert Price Weatherford of Phoenix, Ariz., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 19, 1985. LaPrelle is the daughter of Virgil Eugene⁸ Rathbone (Albert⁷ Amos⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

OPAL RATHBONE of Florida won \$1,783,817 on a slot machine Sept. 6, 1985, in Atlantic City. A 46-year-old nurse's aide, she is the wife of Harry Rathbone. Does anyone know this lucky couple?

DENISE RATHBUN of Deltona, Florida, was reported the early runner-up in a women's professional bowling competition held in September at Syracuse, N.Y. She had rolled an impressive 1392 in the first six games, 61 pins behind the leader. Does anyone know Denise?

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DALEN J. RATHBUN and Trudi Jantz were married May 25, 1985. Dalen is the son of the late Delbert⁹ Rathbun (Newton⁸ Elon⁷ John⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

BETTYE RATHBONE of Austin, Texas, notes that the Roger Williams Family Association is seeking family records of descendants of Roger Williams' daughter, Mary, who married John Sayles. The information will be compiled as a Rhode Island Tricentennial project next year. All descendants of Joshua³ Rathbun (John²⁻¹) and his second wife, Mary Wightman, are descended from Mary Williams and John Sayles. If you qualify, and would like to be included, send your records to R.F. Eggers Jr., 208 West Milton Ave., P.O. Box 208E, Rahway, N.J. 07065.

EDWARD C. (TED) RATHBUN purchased a Rathbone family crest ring from Tiffany and Company, in Chicago. He reports that the company has kept the pattern and can make new ones on order. For information, prices, etc., write Tiffany and Company, 715 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

ARTHUR SCHROECK of Whitehouse Station, N.J., was the musical arranger for Liza Minnelli's current road show, now touring the country. Art's other musical achievements were outlined in our January 1984 issue.

MYRTLE RATHBUN of Hulett, Wyoming, was in charge of a senior citizens' group which published a 250-page book marking the centennial of Crook County, Wyoming. It was such a success, a second edition is in the making. Myrtle is the widow of Arthur⁸ Rathbun (Lorenzo⁷ Elon⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

ANDRE OPELA and Julie Mead were married Oct. 19, 1985. Andre is a son of the late Carol Jean¹⁰ Rathbun (George⁹ William⁸ George⁷ Ransom⁶ Daniel⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹) and Francis Raymond Opela.

Our New Members

Rosalind Askin
Elk Grove, Cal.

Shirley Baxton
Clayton, Wisc.

Laurel Buschatz
Lakewood, Wisc.

Mary E. Champlin
Coventry, R.I.

Ruth Druse
Richfield Springs, N.Y.

Mrs. James Emerson
Eugene, Ore.

June Feist
Bay Shore, N.Y.

Elaine Flathers
Waseca, Minn.

Mary Belle Hart
Sycamore, Ill.

Jane Hartman
College Station, Texas

Dorothy E. Hutchins
West Greenwich, R.I.

Sharon Jahn
Spring Valley, Minn.

Iva M. Kast
Herkimer, N.Y.

Ella May Lamoureux
Dayville, Conn.

Joan Morris
Naperville, Ill.

Janet Nielson
New Brighton, Minn.

Robb Osborn
Talmage, Neb.

Raymond Ouder Kirk
Santa Monica, Cal.

Donald P. Rathbun
San Antonio, Texas

Gary and Donna Rathbone
Boise, Idaho

Gordon Rathburn
New Brunswick, Canada

Howard W. Rathbun
Barnard, Kansas

Joseph C. Rathbun
Tucson, Ariz.

Dr Lynn Rathbun
Ithica, N.Y.

Marc Rathbun
Dallas, Texas

Robert M. Rathbun
Compton, Cal.

Margaret Redding
Lansing, Mich.

Mary E. Sanders
Springfield, Mo.

Janette Shahan
Sand Springs, Okl.

Margaret Shea
Cleveland, Ohio

Fern Thompson
Kelley, Iowa

Harriett Wise
Lansing, Mich.

KAREN RATHBUN and Thomas R Celio were married July 27, 1985, in Little Falls, N.Y. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis¹⁰ Rathbun (Lorenzo⁹ George⁸ Thomas⁷ John⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

RITA RATHBUN and Daniel Thisius were married December 6, 1985, at Wells, Minn. Rita is the daughter of Jonathan David¹⁰ Rathbun (Jonathan⁹ George⁸ Jonathan⁷ Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹) and his former wife, now Mrs. James Brauer.