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Coker Fifield Rathbone  
(1861-1944)

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## Letter from the Editor

We have a new suggestion for the site of our 1987 reunion, and I think it is a good one. Jan Rathbun of Rapid City, S.D., has suggested her city as the location. Terry Rathbun, another member there, has also offered to help.

Some of the advantages are lower costs than in larger cities, close proximity to the magnificent stone sculptures on Mt. Rushmore, and a host of other attractions — Deadwood City, spectacular mountain views, Indian reservations and others.

All would tie in with the 1987 reunion theme — Settling the Far West.

A number of members had expressed an interest in Salt Lake City, primarily for the extensive genealogical holdings in Mormon records there. Perhaps we could arrange for an after-reunion visit to Salt Lake City for those who want to do genealogical research there. K. Haybron Adams, one of our members, is genealogical librarian at Brigham Young University, and has volunteered to direct members in such research.

Denver is still a possibility, but Rapid City sounds good. Write me if you have any comments, and I will let you know the final decision in the next *Historian*.

The English "family roots" trip in May 1987 is also shaping up. Nearly 100 members have expressed interest, and Jim Bolles, our tour guide, will be returning to England next month to work

on the preliminary arrangements. Those interested must send a \$75 per-person deposit to be placed on the mailing list for detailed information in the coming months. See story on this page.

I am pleased to report that our 1986 membership has already bounced back up to 450, just under our 462 high of last year. I have great hopes that 1986 will see us reach the 500 mark! My thanks to all of you who have been helping us enlist new members.

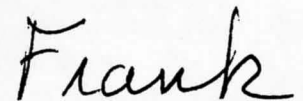
I am also very happy to report a personal event of great joy. On December 18, 1985, my son Frank H. Rathbun III and his wife, Janice, became the parents of my first grandson, Frank Hugo Rathbun IV. He is my second grandchild: my granddaughter Dawn Eileen Ramoz, will be 10 years old in August. Her parents are my daughter, Charity, and her husband, Ronald Ramoz. And to complete the picture, my daughter Rebecca and her husband, Rev. Scott Duffey, are expecting their first child in July.

An official report of my grandson's arrival is in the birth column, which is exceptionally long this month.

On a sad note, our obituary column is also a long one this month, and includes several members — Wanda Rathbun, John McKee Rathbun and Col. Robert Lewis Rathbun. Our condolences to all their families.

In this issue, we list all known living family members who are doctors of medicine. It has been brought to our attention that the list, provided by the American Medical Association, does not include doctors of osteopathy. We will try to compile that list for the next issue.

Thanks to you all for your support, and best wishes for a wonderful summer.



## It's Time to Make Deposit for 1987 Trip to England

Plans for our English "family roots" trip next year are moving along rapidly. Jim Bolles, our tour guide, has already made preliminary inquiries in England, and will be returning next month to start planning our itinerary.

We have been in touch with the Hon. John Rankin "Tim" Rathbone, a member of the British House of Commons, who has promised to help plan our activities in London, including possibly a visit to Parliament. We have also heard from William Rathbone IX of Oxford, descendant of the noted Liverpool Rathbones, who has invited us to visit him at his home and see his collection of ancient Rathbone mementos.

While in Oxford, we may take time to visit the old chapel at Shipton-on-Charwell and the 1613 burial marker of John Rathbone. (See our April 1985 issue).

Heading north, we will stop at historic Beeston Castle, where Kenrick Rathbone was an archer for the castle's defense some 600 years ago. We will probably spend several days in the ancient walled city of Chester, where Rathbones, most likely our direct ancestors, were prominent citizens in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries.

At nearby Liverpool, we will visit Greenbank, ancestral home of the Liverpool Rathbones, now part of the University of Liverpool. We are hoping to visit the Rathbone Brothers shipping firm, which the first William Rathbone founded in the early 1700s.

A highlight of the tour will be a trip to the medieval Farnworth Chapel, where our ancestors worshipped for several centuries and where our immigrant an-

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# Col. Robert L. Rathbun Dies; Marine Hero of Three Wars

Marine Colonel Robert Lewis Rathbun, 64, who died in February (see obituaries), had an outstanding military career which spanned World War II, the Korean War and the War in Vietnam. His awards included three Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Navy Commendation Medal, 18 Air Medals, and the famed Sikorsky winged "S".

A native of California, he was the son of Irving<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Joseph<sup>8</sup> Isaiah<sup>7-6</sup> Ashley<sup>5</sup> Isaiah<sup>4</sup> Jonathan<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>). As a boy, he became fascinated by airplanes, and later recalled the thrill of being allowed to explore the cockpit of a United Airlines plane when he was only 11. After graduating from high school, he attended Santa Maria Junior College and then enrolled in the Hancock College of Aeronautics. He joined the Naval Aviation Cadet Program in June 1941 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve in June 1942, as the World War II battles in the Pacific were getting under way.

Later that year, he was sent as a fighter pilot to Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, where Marine Corps troops had gone ashore in August. For the next several months, he participated in the island's defense and was credited with downing two Japanese planes. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and 11 Air Medals for his combat missions.

Returned to the United States in 1943, he served as a fighter pilot instructor, completed the Marine Air Infantry School, and was then assigned to Hawaii, where he was based for two years, flying transports into China and to other airports throughout the South Pacific.

After the war, he became commanding officer of the Marine Helicopter Transport Squadron at Cherry Point, S.C., but with the outbreak of the Korean War, he was soon back in action. He was named executive officer and later commanding officer of a Marine Corps observation squadron in Korea. There,

he won another DFC and more Air Medals.

At the end of hostilities in Korea, he served at various Marine Corps posts for several years, in North and South Carolina and California. In 1962, as the Vietnam "Conflict" turned into all-out war, he was sent there as commanding officer of a helicopter squadron, which flew South Vietnamese troops into battle. Rathbun was a major focus of Richard Tregaski's book, "Vietnam Diary," published in 1963. Tregaski spent about a month with Rathbun's squadron, known as "Rathbun's Ridge Runners," at the Danang Air Base. In his book, Tregaski praised Rathbun as a heroic commander, who insisted on leading his men on every mission, even though he was often emaciated from intestinal viruses.

Rathbun led 95 combat troop missions and flew more than 120 missions during his six months at Danang. His helicopter was hit twice by small arms fire, and was forced down on one occasion. He was awarded the famed Sikorsky winged "S" for his role in rescuing a pilot whose plane had been shot down in a mountainous jungle area of North Vietnam.

After six harrowing months at Danang, Rathbun was transferred to the USS Princeton with the Seventh Fleet,

where he served as a Special Landing Force Commander, in charge of both air and ground units.

Returned to the United States in 1963, with another DFC and more Air Medals, Rathbun was named commander of the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment at Grosse Ile Naval Air Station, near Detroit, Mich. In 1966, at the completion of 25 years' service, he retired from the Marine Corps. He was appointed a short time later as director of the Detroit City Airport. A few years later, he retired from that post and returned to his native California.

When he joined our association last year, Colonel Rathbun wrote: "I am most interested in becoming part of your endeavor. My motive is to learn all I can so I can pass on a proper heritage to my two sons."

This feeling for "family" was noted by Tregaski in his book. He asked Rathbun: "What do you want from life?" Rathbun answered: "I put the highest value on family life. I want my kids to have respect for the family and . . . I want my family to respect me. That's the one thing you can have in life."

Colonel Robert Lewis Rathbun surely earned the respect of his family — as well as the troops he commanded and the nation he served so well.

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## Rathbun Agency Honored

The Rathbun Agency, an insurance firm in Lansing, Michigan, was given the "Outstanding Agency Award" for 1985 by the Citizens Insurance Company.

The agency is a family business, founded 30 years ago by brothers John C. (Jack) and James B. (Jim) Rathbun. Jack is president of the firm today, while Jim left the agency and is now president of an insurance firm in California.

Insurance came naturally to the brothers, whose father, the late Charles Rathbun, worked in the industry for

more than 40 years. He was the son of Alfred<sup>6</sup> Rathbun (Segester<sup>7</sup> Isaac<sup>6</sup> Daniel<sup>5</sup> Valentine<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

The company was launched in 1956 in Jack's home, with Jack as the salesman and Jim as part-time bookkeeper. The company grew, and 10 years later, brother Eugene Rathbun joined the firm.

Today, Jack is president of the Rathbun Agency, Eugene is Vice-President and office manager, Gene's son, Paul Rathbun, is a sales representative, and Gene's wife, Lennie, is bookkeeper.



# Coker Fifield Rathbone: Roamed the Far West As Editor and Lawyer

One of the most unusual names in our family history is that of Coker Fifield Rathbone (1861-1944). In addition to having an unusual name, he also had a most unusual life. A newspaperman, lawyer, politician and judge, he seemed to possess a strong "wanderlust" which took him from his native Iowa to Kansas, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Washington and finally to California.

Rathbone was born in Grundy County, Iowa, on Sept. 7, 1861, the son of Edmund Early<sup>7</sup> Rathbone (Gideon<sup>6</sup> Edmund<sup>5-4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>). He was named for Coker Fifield Clarkson, a prominent figure in early Iowa politics and upon whose farm the Rathbones were living in 1861.

Coker Rathbone's father died in January 1870, leaving his widow with three children, Coker, aged 9; his brother, Edmund Harvey, five, and their older sister, Charity Clarissa, 14.

Young Coker attended the local schools and developed a great love of reading. As a young man, he worked for a local printer, and decided upon a career in journalism. He went to work about 1882 as a reporter and printer for the Eldora Ledger, published near his home. Early in 1884, at the age of 23, he became the junior partner in the firm of Furry and Rathbone and began publishing the weekly Alden Times, in another nearby town. The venture lasted about a year.

On September 17, 1885, he was married to Anna B. Alford, and the young newlyweds decided to "go west." Coker took his new bride to Mankato, Kansas, where he became a writer for the Jewell County Review. In December 1886, their first child was born, a son named John David Rathbone. Three months later, the wanderlust struck again, and Coker made another in a series of moves which was to mark his life for three

decades. He and his family moved to Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas, where he was hired by the Oberlin Opinion newspaper.

At Oberlin, Coker became interested in politics, and in 1888 was elected clerk of the county's District Court, taking over the post in January 1889. The two-year term sparked an interest in the law, and



*Coker Fifield Rathbone*  
1861-1944

he spent much of his spare time studying law books in a local attorney's office. Before his term ended in 1890, he passed the necessary examination and was admitted to the Kansas State Bar as an attorney.

In September 1890, his second child was born, a daughter named Vada, and four months later the family was again on the move. This time, they moved to Eureka, Juab County, Utah, then still a territory. He was accompanied on this move by his brother, Edmund Harvey Rathbone, always known as Harvey,

and Harvey's family — a wife and baby son. With them went their cousin, Gideon Glen Rathbone, son of their uncle, John Quincy Rathbone. Their new home was in the hub of the great Tintic mining district.

The two brothers and their cousin pooled their funds and talents and founded a daily newspaper — the Tintic Miner, containing, according to their masthead, "all the news of the Greatest Mining Camp in the West." Coker also opened a law practice, probably in the newspaper office.

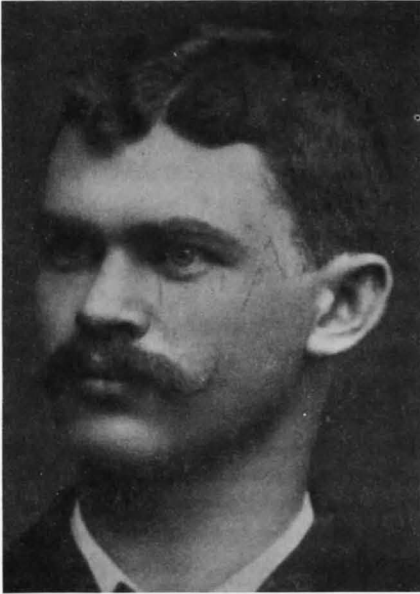
Coker also became active in politics. A Republican, he joined the Utah Territory's new Liberal-Republican Party, which had been formed by men who thought the Democratic party too liberal, and the Republicans too conservative. Coker used the full power of his newspaper to advance the new party's cause.

At that time, there was a growing movement to have Utah admitted into the union as a state. The idea was opposed by Republicans, Democrats and Liberal-Republicans alike, and an anti-statehood convention was called in Salt Lake City in February 1892. It was decided to send a 10-member delegation to Washington, D.C., to lobby against statehood. Coker Rathbone was one of three Liberal-Republicans named to the committee, which immediately set off for Washington.

They appeared before committees in both the House and Senate to express their arguments against statehood, and their efforts were successful. Statehood was tabled, and the delegation returned to Utah with deep satisfaction. Utah did not become a state for another four years.

The Salt Lake Tribune quoted a member of the Washington delegation that "The success the delegation met with was due almost entirely to the work





*Edmund Harvey Rathbone, Coker Rathbone's brother and business partner in newspaper ventures throughout the west.*

and labors of Coker Rathbone."

The opposition to Utah's statehood was based largely on a bitter controversy between Mormons, who had first settled the territory, and later immigrants, who objected to the Mormons' practice of polygamy. The practice was soon abandoned. The successful anti-statehood fight was followed by a political fight among the Liberal-Republicans, which brought about the end of the party. Rathbone represented his county at a meeting called to discuss the party's future. It was argued that individuals could have more effect on state and national issues as members of one of the two major national parties.

Rathbone agreed with this position, believing that former Democrats had taken over the new party.

As the debate continued, Rathbone brought the matter to a head. As reported by the Salt Lake Herald: "C.F. Rathbone, the brilliant young editor of the Tintic Miner, said that he had followed the leadership of a Democrat for the last time, and that all his fighting hereafter would be under the command of a Republican."

Rathbone then announced that he was resigning from the Liberal-Republican Party. Others followed his lead, and the meeting ended in chaos. The party's days were numbered. The



*Rare picture of the 1912 fire in Ronan, Montana, which destroyed the print shop owned by Coker and Harvey Rathbone. The two brothers broke the front windows to save their printing press. Furniture and others items saved from burning buildings can be seen in the picture.*

Herald pointed out that "The Liberal-Republican party of Utah had lost the only daily newspaper that had ever made a hard fight for it."

In the old Rathbone Family Historian of December 1892, editor Franklin P. Rathbone (Coker's cousin) commented: "Being a young man and comparatively new in the Territory, his evident prominence must be due . . . to his force of character and political sagacity."

At that point in his life, Coker was described as five feet ten inches tall, weighing 200 pounds, with auburn hair and blue eyes.

In January 1893, Coker and Anna had another son, named Coker Fifield Rathbone Jr., and two months later he decided to sell the Tintic Miner and move again — this time north to Wyoming. The three Rathbones—Coker, Harvey and Gideon—loaded their families and belongings into a large wagon, pulled by 10 horses, and set off on their trip. They encountered bad weather, and found themselves snowbound at Echo in the mountains northwest of Great Salt Lake. Undaunted, they hired a large sled to replace their wagon, hitched up their horses to it, and continued on their journey.

The Rathbones settled at Lander, Fremont County, in the mountains of west-central Wyoming. Here they con-

tinued the pattern set earlier: they established a newspaper, the Fremont County Gazette, and Coker opened a law office. He was admitted to the Wyoming Bar in June 1893. At Lander, Coker's fourth child was born in 1895 — a girl named Ann Byrle Rathbone.

The wanderlust hit again in 1896. Cousin Gideon had already gone back to Iowa, but Coker and Harvey had obviously developed a "love affair" with the west. They moved some 150 miles north to Cody, Wyoming, east of what is now Yellowstone National Park. Again, the two brothers founded a newspaper, The Cody News, and Coker set up a law practice.

They were soon tempted by the government's Homestead Act, which offered free land for those who would settle and improve it. The two brothers each took up a homestead near the town of Meeteetse, some 40 miles southwest of Cody. While building cabins and improving their new properties, they also continued to publish the Cody News, a good day's drive away. They soon realized that this was too difficult and time-consuming, and they decided to move their printing press to Meeteetse and rename their newspaper the Big Horn County News.

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# Many Present-Day Cousins Are in Medical Profession

In our last issue, we listed all known cousins in the past who were doctors of medicine. Following is a list of all known cousin doctors who are alive today. Not included are doctors of osteopathy. We are trying to compile that list for a later issue.

**1. DR. CHRIS B. RATHBUN** (born 1953), ancestry unknown; graduated with medical degree in 1981 from American University of the Caribbean; interned at St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio; licensed in Pennsylvania in 1983; specialty, internal medicine.

**2. DR. DONALD RATHBUN** (born 1923), son of Donald<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Chauncey<sup>8</sup> Byron<sup>7</sup> Levant<sup>6</sup> Dr. Joel<sup>5</sup> Benjamin<sup>4-3</sup> Joseph<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1951 from the University of Texas Medical Branch; interned and researched at the University of Virginia Hospital; taught there several years and was associated with the nation's first large clinic for epileptics; moved to El Paso, Texas, and opened that city's only charity clinic for epileptics; has treated some 20,000 patients in the past 25 years; named El Paso's Physician of the Year in 1980; member of our Association.

**3. DR. EDWIN DAVID RATHBUN** (born 1936), son of Harold<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (George<sup>8-7</sup> Edmund<sup>6</sup> Gideon<sup>5</sup> Edmund<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>); graduated in 1962 from the University of Kansas School of Medicine; interned at St. Joseph Medical Center, Wichita, Kan., and served residency at Natividad Medical Center, Salinas, Calif.; family practice physician at Liberal, Kansas; member of our Association.

**4. DR. FLORA J. RATHBUN** (birth and ancestry unknown); medical officer in the Drug Evaluation Division of Health and Welfare in Vanier, Ontario, Canada.

**5. DR. GEORGE EDWIN RATHBUN** (born 1909), son of Homer<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (FitzWilliam<sup>7</sup> Elihu<sup>6</sup> Solomon<sup>5</sup> Job<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>); graduated in 1942 from Northwestern University Medical School; interned and served residency at Denver General Hospital, Colorado; general practitioner at Princeton, Ill.; member of our Association.

**6. DR. ISABEL S. RATHBONE** (born 1954), wife of Richard Rodion Rathbone, grandson of actor Basil Rathbone; graduated in 1979 from Yale University School of Medicine; interned at the Veterans Administration Hospital, West Haven, Conn.; residency at Yale University School of Medicine; general practitioner in psychiatry in Hamden, Conn.

**7. DR. J. EARL RATHBUN JR.** (born 1940), son of Jesse Earl<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Edwin<sup>8</sup> Jacob<sup>7</sup> Edwin<sup>6</sup> George<sup>5</sup> Job<sup>4</sup> Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Joseph<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1965 from University of California School of Medicine; interned at San Francisco General Hospital; residency at University of California's Moffitt Hospital; professor of ophthalmology at University of California Medical School and ophthalmologist in Santa Rosa, Calif; elected in 1984 as president of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons; member of our Association.

**8. DR. JENNIFER MARY RATHBUN**, (born 1949), daughter of Howard James<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Robert<sup>8</sup> Theodore<sup>7</sup> Alden<sup>6</sup> Joel<sup>5</sup> Benjamin<sup>4-3</sup> Joseph<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1975 from Stanford University School of Medicine; internship and residency at Stanford University Hospital; residency and fellowship at Children's Hospital Medical Center, Boston, Mass.; formerly child psychiatrist there, and former psychiatry instructor at Harvard Medical School; now in private practice of child and general psychiatry in Newton, Mass., and

clinical associate at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, where she teaches child psychiatry; she is married to Dr. David B. Herzog.

**9. DR. JOHN CAMPBELL RATHBUN** (born 1915), ancestry unknown; graduated in 1934 from the University of Toronto (Canada) with a medical degree, specializing in pediatrics; chief physician since 1955 at the War Memorial Children's Hospital in Toronto.

**10. DR. JOHN DALE RATHBUN** (born 1951), son of Robert<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (George<sup>9-8-7</sup> Jonathan<sup>6</sup> Edmund<sup>5</sup> Jonathan<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>); graduated in 1977 from Ohio State University College of Medicine; intern, resident and fellow at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Houston, Texas; specialty, cardiovascular diseases; now practicing cardiology in Savannah, Georgia.

**11. DR. JOHN MALCOLM RATHBUN** (born 1946), son of William<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (William<sup>8-7</sup> John<sup>6</sup> Dr. John<sup>5</sup> Daniel<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>); graduated in 1973 from University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; interned and resident at University Health Center, Pittsburgh; specialty, psychiatry; in practice at Cumberland, Wisc.; member of our Association.

**12. DR. KAREN ANN (RATHBUN) BENTLEY** (born 1946), ancestry unknown; graduated in 1973 from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine; intern and resident at Hurley Medical Center, Flint, Mich.; specialty, pediatrics.

**13. DR. KATHERINE CADY RATHBUN** (born 1950), daughter of Leslie Garfield<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (Leslie<sup>9</sup> Charles<sup>8</sup> Elliot<sup>7</sup> Benjamin<sup>6</sup> Joseph<sup>5</sup> Samuel<sup>4</sup> Jonathan<sup>3</sup> William<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); married to Edward P. Richards III; mother and maternal grandfather both physicians; graduated in 1977 from University of Michigan Medical School; interned at University of

Texas Medical School Hospital; specialty, family practice and public health; practices in Pasadena, Texas.

**14. DR. LAWRENCE A. RATHBUN JR.** (born 1944), ancestry unknown; graduated in 1970 from Northwestern University Medical School; interned and resident at San Diego Naval Hospital; specialty, anesthesiology; anesthesiologist at Savannah Memorial Hospital, Georgia.

**15. DR. LEWIS S. RATHBUN** (born 1913), son of Alonzo<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Lewis<sup>7</sup> Ransom<sup>6</sup> Daniel<sup>5-4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>); graduated in 1939 from Harvard Medical School; interned at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.; resident at Boston Women's Hospital; an obstetrician for many years, he delivered more than 5,000 babies; since 1974 has concentrated on gynecology, specializing in cancer, especially of the breast; member of our Association.

**16. DR. MARGARET L. RATHBUN** (born 1917), daughter of Lewis<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Lewis<sup>7</sup> Ransom<sup>6</sup> Daniel<sup>5-4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>); married to Wendell R. Ames; cousin of Dr. Lewis Rathbun (above); graduated from the University of Rochester (N.Y.) Medical School in 1943; Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1954; interned C.S. Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, N.Y.; residencies at St. Louis Children's Hospital (Mo.); Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, and New York State Health Department; practiced pediatrics six years; deputy county health director for Monroe County, N.Y., for 20 years; practiced geriatrics eight years; now retired; member of our Association.

**17. DR. MARGARET L. RATHBURN** (born 1955), ancestry unknown; graduated in 1982 from University of Alabama School of Medicine; interned and resident at University of Alabama Hospital; specialty, obstetrics and gynecology.

**18. DR. MARVEL J. RATHBUN-KOHN** (born 1927), ancestry unknown; graduated in 1951 from the University of Michigan Medical School; interned at Highland General Hospital, Oakland, Calif.; general practitioner at Monmouth, Ore.

**19. DR. MARY ANNE RATHBUN** (born 1946), daughter of John Lewis<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Lewis<sup>8-7</sup> Ransom<sup>6</sup> Daniel<sup>5-4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>), niece of Dr. Margaret L. Rathbun (above), married to Robert Jay MacCaughelty; graduated in 1970 from Albany Medical College of Union University; interned at Ohio State University Hospital; specialty, pediatrics; former director of newborn services at Charlotte (N.C.) Memorial Hospital; now in Department of Pediatrics, University of North Carolina.

**20. DR. MONROE JACKSON RATHBONE** (born 1925), son of Monroe Jackson<sup>9</sup> Rathbone (Monroe<sup>8</sup> Francis<sup>7</sup> John V.<sup>6</sup> William<sup>5</sup> Wait<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>); graduated in 1949 from Louisiana State University School of Medicine; interned at Charity Hospital of Louisiana, New Orleans; residencies at Tulane Medical Center Hospital and Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation, both New Orleans; general surgeon in Baton Rouge, La.

**21. DR. PHILIP EDWARD RATHBUN** (born 1947), son of James Corbett<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (Dr. James<sup>9</sup> George<sup>8</sup> Corbett<sup>7</sup> Gideon<sup>6</sup> Tibbets<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4-3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1974 from the University of Illinois Health Science Center, Chicago; residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago; specialty, radiology; assistant chief of radiology, Delnor Hospital, St. Charles, Ill.; father a member of our Association.

**22. DR. RICHARD FLAURES RATHBONE** (born 1955), son of Dr. Monroe Jackson Rathbone (above); graduated in 1981 from Louisiana State University School of Medicine; interned at E.K. Long Memorial Hospital, Baton Rouge, La.; in general practice at Baton Rouge.

**23. DR. RICHARD RODION RATHBONE** (born 1949), grandson of actor Basil Rathbone; wife, Isabel, also a doctor (above); graduated in 1979 from Yale University School of Medicine; interned and served residency at Yale's New Haven Hospital; specialty, anatomic and clinical pathology; in practice at New Haven.

**24. DR. ROBERT JESSE RATHBURN** (born 1928), son of Merle Weidman<sup>9</sup> Rathburn (Charles<sup>8</sup> William<sup>7</sup> Raymond<sup>6</sup>

(?) Stephen<sup>5</sup> Gideon<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>); graduated in 1957 from Wayne State University Medical School, Detroit, Mich.; interned and served residency at McLaren General Hospital, Flint, Mich.; co-founder in 1968 of the American College of Emergency Surgeons, president in 1975 of the Michigan chapter and also of the Genesee County Medical Society; founder of the Flint Fire Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic System; retired last year from medical emergency practice.

**25. DR. SANFORD MacARTHUR RATHBUN** (born 1911), son of Dr. Grove<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Heman<sup>8</sup> Nathaniel<sup>7</sup> Gideon<sup>6</sup> Paris<sup>5</sup> Gideon<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>); graduated in 1939 from the University of Nebraska Medical School; served in a hospital unit during World War II in England, Belgium and Germany, including service during the Battle of the Bulge; partner in the Beatrice Medical Group, Beatrice, Nebraska, 1946-1984; now retired.

**26. DR. SPEED ROLAND RATHBUN** (born 1925), son of Charles<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (James<sup>7-3</sup> Samuel<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1957 from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine; interned at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, Neb., and served residency at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver; specialty, physical medicine and rehabilitation; head of the Department of Physical Medicine at the Veterans Administration Center, Grand Island, Neb.

**27. DR. STEPHEN D. RATHBURN** (born 1958), son of Cecil<sup>10</sup> Rathburn (David<sup>9</sup> Amos<sup>8</sup> Dr. Sereno<sup>7</sup> Elijah<sup>6</sup> William<sup>5</sup> Daniel<sup>4</sup> William<sup>3-2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1982 from Northeastern Ohio School of Medicine; interned at the Akron (Ohio) Medical Center, served a two-year anesthesiology residency at the George Washington Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and now completing his training in cardiovascular anesthesia at the Ohio State University College of Medicine; our family's newest and youngest physician.

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**28. DR. STEPHEN NELSON RATHBUN**, (born 1946), son of Gerald<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (Giles<sup>9</sup> Virgil<sup>8</sup> Giles<sup>7</sup> James<sup>6</sup> Thomas<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1977 from the University of California's School of Medicine, Los Angeles; interned and served residency at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Fontana, Calif.; now in family practice at Pomona, Calif.

Many of our cousins, no longer bearing the family name, also have been and are medical doctors. It would be impossible to find and list them all. One, however, is a member of our Association:

**DR. C. JAY BROWN** (born 1919), son of Dr. C.J. Brown and grandson of Molly<sup>7</sup> (Rathbone) Brown (Thomas<sup>6</sup> Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Coggeshall<sup>4</sup> Abraham<sup>3</sup> Samuel<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1943 from the University of Missouri Medical School; served in the Navy during World War II; professor of oral and maxillo facial surgery at the University of Missouri 1952-1959; in private practice 1959-1971 in Alexandria, La., 1972-1974 in Granada, Nicaragua, and again in Alexandria until he retired in 1978.

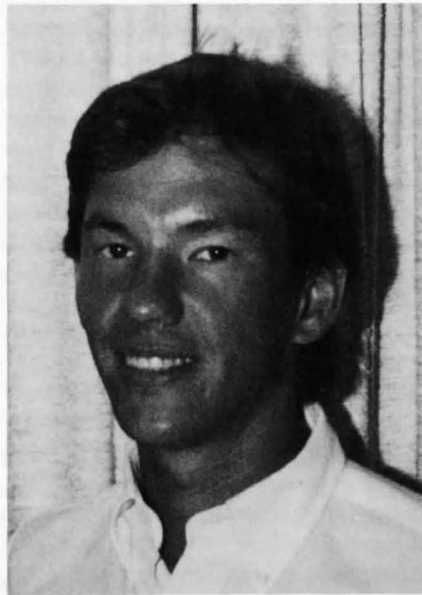
Many other cousins, while not medical doctors, have doctorate degrees in medically related fields. Two of them are members of our Association and have achieved national recognition:

**DR. WILLIAM BURTON RATHBUN** (born 1932), son of Walter Collins<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (Francis<sup>9</sup> Albert<sup>8</sup> Stephen<sup>7</sup> James<sup>6</sup> Thomas<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> William<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>); graduated in 1954 from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in zoology and later with a master's degree in zoology with an emphasis on endocrinology; graduated in 1964 from the University of Minnesota with a doctorate in biochemistry and fellowship in ophthalmology; joined the University of Minnesota that year in the Department of Ophthalmology and was appointed associate professor in 1973 and director of research in 1981; he has been working on cataract research for 20 years and recently announced that he and others were working on the development of eye drops

that may help people retain clear vision well into their 80s or 90s, and make cataract surgery and lens implants unnecessary; should this not work out, Dr. Rathbun said, research has also indicated that dietary supplements may preserve clear eyesight for the lifetimes of most people; he also has developed and patented a poison ivy treatment.

**DR. TED ALLAN RATHBUN** (born 1942), son of Merle<sup>10</sup> Moshein<sup>9</sup> George<sup>8</sup> Rowland<sup>7</sup> Acors<sup>6</sup> Joshua<sup>5-4-3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>); an

anthropology professor at the University of South Carolina, he is one of only 35 certified forensic anthropologists in the United States; he works with coroners, police and medical examiners to establish the identity of human remains; an active member of the American Academy of Forensic Science, he co-edited a collection of case studies in 1984, which has become almost a handbook in its field; his interest began when he reconstructed faces dating to the Iron Age for his master's thesis.



*Dr. Stephen Rathburn, at 28 the newest and youngest of our family's doctors.*



*Dr. Lewis S. Rathburn, 73, who retired last July after practicing nearly 50 years.*

## Dr. Lewis S. Rathburn Ends Nearly 50 Years' Service

Dr. Lewis Standish Rathburn, who retired last July after nearly half a century of medical practice, has some interesting thoughts about his career and changing trends in the medical field.

A specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, he was attracted to the field because "it meant dealing with younger people in essentially happy situations."

He delivered his first baby on his own 24th birthday in 1937, and estimates that he delivered over 5,000 babies during his career.

When he began practice, women went into a hospital for seven to 10 days for a normal delivery. Now, the average is two days. The maternal mortality rate has dropped in that same period from five or six per thousand to less than two per thousand. The reasons, he says, are better prenatal care, antibiotics and blood banks, as well as fewer cases of cardiac disease in young women due to rheumatic fever.

The number of Caesarean deliveries has increased dramatically in the past

half-century, from less than two percent to 20 percent. The number of cervical cancer cases has dropped sharply, due primarily to the use of Pap tests.

One of Dr. Rathbun's regrets is what he terms "depersonalization" of medicine — less personal attention by doctors to their patients. It is caused, he says, by the great increase in scientific advancements, complicated medical tests, growing use of medical assistants, and the spectacular rise in the number of medical "super-specialists." These are all necessary, he says, but very impersonal.

He is also deeply concerned about the malpractice situation, and cites it as one of his reasons for retiring.

"Juries feel people should be recompensed just if something doesn't turn out well, and the size of malpractice insurance premiums are such that you can't afford to simply slow down your practice as you get older. You have to either practice full time or quit entirely."

In retirement, Dr. Rathbun plans to continue his hobby of watercolor painting, which has won him national honors, and expects to do a lot of traveling with his wife, Betty. They are planning a tour of Africa to start. They will also be seeing more of their five grandchildren. And Dr. Rathbun plans to stay active in Life After Cancer—Pathways, a support group for cancer patients which he helped found in his home town of Asheville, N.C., and of which he is still the director.

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## Queries

**WANTED** — Information on the date and place of death of Sarah (Rathbun) Walton, born in 1791, the daughter of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Rathbun (John<sup>3-2-1</sup>) and Olive Pearson. She died, possibly in Whitley County, Indiana, between 1843 and 1849. Her husband was Nathan Walton.

**WANTED** — Information on Dorcas Rathbun, born in the 1770s or 1780s in Rensselaer County, N.Y., and married by the late 1790s to Staatz Jewell. They had, among others, children named Benjamin, born in 1803, and Eliza, born in 1806, both in Saratoga County, N.Y.

## England

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cestor, John Rathbone/bun was baptised in 1629. We are hoping to plan our schedule so that we can attend Sunday services there.

The trip back to London will probably take us through Wales and across England by way of the ancient stone monoliths at Stonehenge.

We will end the tour with several days in London, with some planned events, but spare time for individual sight-seeing and shopping.

For those who want to extend their trip and see more of England or even go over to the Continent for a visit, their return ticket to the U.S. can be used without extra cost when they are ready to return.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO JOIN US ON THE TRIP, OR ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING IT, PLEASE SEND US A \$75 CHECK (PER PERSON), MADE OUT TO "FAMILY SOCIETY TOURS" BY MAY 15. THIS WILL PUT YOU ON THE MAILING LIST FOR ALL FUTURE INFORMATION. This deposit will be refunded if you are unable to make the trip, or else will be applied toward the cost of the tour. We had estimated the cost at about \$1800 a person, with all travel and lodging expenses, and most meals, included. Due to the rising value of the British pound, it will probably be closer to \$2000. We will probably leave May 25 and will be gone about 12 days. RE-MEMBER — SEND YOUR \$75 CHECK TO US BY MAY 15 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND WANT TO BE ON THE MAILING LIST FOR INFORMATION. WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 30 PERSONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LOW RATE.

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## Correction

Ebenezer<sup>6</sup> Rathbun (William<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer<sup>4-3</sup> William<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) married Susan Idella Barber, not Barbara, as reported in Vol. 4, No. 4, Page 50.

Correction: Page 60.

## Only 3 Cousins Remember 1910 Halley's Comet

Not many of our older cousins seem to remember the last return of Halley's Comet in 1910. Three that do have shared their memories with us.

Lois (Rathbone) McEachern, 93, recalls that she was 18 and expecting her first baby (now our member, Winfred Brown). "We had gone back to Texas to visit with Mama and Papa," she recalls. "We had heard about the comet but Mama was afraid for me to see it because I was pregnant, so I stayed inside while everyone else went out to see what it looked like. It was only a bright star with a long, thin streak of light behind it — nothing alarming at all." Lois is the daughter of Virgil<sup>8</sup> Rathbone (Albert<sup>7</sup> Amos<sup>6-5</sup> Thomas<sup>4-3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

Vera Schrank, 90, was 15 years old, and recalls seeing the comet while walking outdoors at night. She describes it as "a beautiful bright star with a long tail — real pretty." Vera is a descendant of George Whitefield<sup>5</sup> Rathbun (Job<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

Goldie E. Slater, 87, was 12 years old and has vivid memories of the comet as "big and round with a fiery tail." He also remembers some people predicting that the comet might go out of orbit and destroy the world. Some of his neighbors in Michigan moved to nearby hills to await the "second coming." Goldie's first wife was Charity McCrath, daughter of Walter McCrath and Louise<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Hugo<sup>7</sup> Charles<sup>6</sup> Amos<sup>5-4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

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A Rathbun once moved the lawn for one of America's most famous authors. Donald<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Chauncey<sup>8</sup> Byron<sup>7</sup> Levant<sup>6</sup> Joel<sup>5</sup> Benjamin<sup>4-3</sup> Joseph<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) lived on Main Street in Fredonia, N.Y., where he was hired as a boy to cut the grass in the early 1900s for a neighbor, Samuel L. Clements, better known as Mark Twain!



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The move proved difficult and it took longer than they had anticipated to move their printing press and supplies over the rough terrain and mountain trails. By law, in order to remain qualified as a legal newspaper, at least one edition had to be published each week. Stranded in the mountains between their old and new offices, the brothers rose to the occasion. They unloaded the press from their wagon, printed an issue there on the roadside, and sent copies on to Meeteetse by a passing stagecoach. A few days later, they were in their new office.

The Rathbone brothers remained at Meeteetse nearly 10 years. They eventually gave up the newspaper, possibly for lack of advertisers and subscribers in the sparsely settled area. The 1900 Federal census lists Coker as an attorney, and Harvey as a farmer.

In 1907, Coker was ready to move again. This time, he took his family all the way to the West Coast, settling at Tacoma, Washington. It is not known what Harvey did in these years, but Coker stayed in Tacoma for three years, practicing law and working part time as a printer.

In 1910, Coker and Harvey joined forces again and moved their families to Ronan, in western Montana. They again founded a newspaper, the Ronan Pioneer. As in all their publishing ventures, Coker was the writer and Harvey the salesman.

Two years later, a disastrous fire swept through Ronan's business district, destroying or damaging most of the buildings. The Rathbones' printing office was one victim. With their very livelihood at stake, the brothers smashed the front windows of their printing shop and carried their valuable press to safety in the street. Their office was ruined and most of their past issues were destroyed, but with their press intact, they were soon back in business.

After the fire, Coker seems to have lost interest in newspapering. Then in his early fifties, he was possibly tired of deadlines and crises. In 1913, he returned to the legal field, applying to the Montana Supreme Court for permission to practice law. His petition was approved, but he seems not to have pur-

sued a law practice. Perhaps he was suffering what we today call a mid-life crisis, or maybe it was just the wanderlust returning. In 1914, he was looking for work in California, and his activities for the next several years are not known. He did sell his share of the Ronan Pioneer to his brother, but he was back in Ronan by 1917, when his brother died at the age of 52.

The newspaper was taken over by Harvey's son, Justus Henry Rathbone, named for the founder of the Knights of Pythias. Both brothers had been active in the Knights for many years.

Coker remained at Ronan for several years, practicing law. With the entry of the United States into World War I, both his sons entered the Army and were sent to France. A surviving letter written by Coker to his son, John (nicknamed Don), gives an insight into his sense of humor:

"Had a stag party last night, and after feeding the bums, and furnishing the cigars and entertainment, they robbed me of \$1.90 — playing rummy. Am thinking of having the gamblers arrested."

After the war, Coker made the final move in his years of wandering. In 1919, he and his wife settled in Fresno, California, where they bought a five-acre lot which he called his ranch. He raised peaches and vegetables for a few years,

but soon became bored. In 1923, he took the California State Bar Examination and was admitted to practice law. The Rathbones moved to Taft, California, where he opened a law office, and a short time later became a local judge.

He earned a reputation as a fair and honest judge, but was feared by criminal defendants. They begged their lawyers: "Don't get Judge Rathbone. He's too tough."

In 1943, aged 82, Coker was forced by failing health to retire from the practice of law. He died of leukemia on his 83rd birthday — September 7, 1944, in the midst of World War II. He had been born during the Civil War, and lived through the Spanish-American War and World War I.

His beloved wife and companion of nearly 60 years died in 1949 after 16 years as an invalid. She had been confined to a wheelchair after a series of strokes in the early 1930s. Despite her problems, she kept a "sunny disposition and sharp mind" until her death.

(We thank our member, Mrs. Anna Haymaker, for most of the information and pictures in this article. Mrs. Haymaker is a granddaughter of Coker Rathbone, and justly proud of his role in the development of the Far West.)



This picture, taken about 1908 in Tacoma, Washington, shows Coker Rathbun, his wife Anna Belle, and their four children. Standing, from left, are Vada, John David, Coker Fifield Jr. and Anna Byrle. Vada, who married Walter Berry, is the mother of Anna Haymaker, who provided the information and pictures for this story.



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# Genealogy: The Sixth Generation in America

**28. WILLIAM ADAMS<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Isaiah<sup>4</sup> Jonathan<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>), born Aug. 30, 1800, at Salem, Conn., and moved as a young man to Springfield, Mass., where he was a confectioner. He married Oct. 30, 1825, at Suffield, Conn., Evaline Chapin, born March 16, 1808, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Pease) Chapin. He died at Springfield June 27, 1839. Eveline died Oct. 19, 1887.

## CHILDREN

EVELINE CORDELIA, born Feb. 11, 1828; married Henry H. Avery.  
WILLIAMS ADAMS, born Aug. 10, 1830; married Emma Jane Stanley.  
ELIZA A., born July 10, 1836; married Edward Pritchard.  
?CHARLES, born about 1838; died in March 1850.

**29. JOHN<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (John<sup>5-1</sup>), born Feb. 15, 1779, Exeter, R.I., and married there April 27, 1802, Anna Rathbun, born Aug. 15, 1786, daughter of Joshua<sup>4</sup> Rathbun (Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>). She died Dec. 16, 1813, and he married on Oct. 22, 1815, Thankful Blivin, born July 31, 1796, daughter of Samuel and Polly (Worden) Blivin. He was a blacksmith, and moved in late life to North Providence. He died March 31, 1857, and is buried in the Rathbun Cemetery on Escoheag Hill, in Exeter, as are both wives. Thankful died in June 1853.

## CHILDREN

(By Anna)  
JOHN HIRAM, born Aug. 28, 1803; married Ann Attwood.  
JOSHUA JAMES, born April 20, 1805; married Sabra Champlin.  
RAYMOND CLARK, born March 7, 1807; married Virginia May.  
SUSAN SARAH, born Oct. 4, 1809; married Ezra Kenyon.  
RUTH HARRIET, born May 25, 1812; died May 27, 1814.

(By Thankful)

MARY ANN, born Jan. 15, 1816; married Alan Pierce.  
ROBIE LUCINDA, born Nov. 21, 1818; married Ebenezer Balkcorn.  
IRA NELSON, born Nov. 3, 1820; died June 20, 1853, according to Cooley, but does not appear in the 1850 census.  
ABIGAIL CLARINDA, born Oct. 21, 1822; married George Balkcorn.  
PHOEBE LOUISA, born March 8, 1825; married Daniel Smith.  
CHARITY MATILDA, born Feb. 1, 1829; married Thomas Reid.  
CALVIN WHEATON, born Dec. 29, 1831; married (1) Mary E. Baker; (2) Mary A. Green; (3) Elizabeth A. Hawley, and (4) Ellen A. McPherson.  
WILLIAM A., born Jan. 20, 1834; died in 1837.

**30. ABEL<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (John<sup>5-1</sup>), born June 25, 1782, at Exeter, R.I., and married there Nov. 30, 1806, Dorcas Lewis, born March 17, 1787, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Wilcox?) Lewis. She died by 1831, and he married Susan Stanton, born about 1785, ancestry unknown. She also died and he married Catherine James, born Feb. 24, 1782, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Sisson) James. Abel died March 8, 1840, at Exeter, and is buried in the Escoheag Hill Cemetery in West Greenwich. Catherine died Aug. 29, 1863.

## CHILDREN

(Probably all by Dorcas)  
PHOEBE born Dec. 28, 1806; married Ambrose Brown Dec. 12, 1824.  
BERIAH LEWIS, born July 16, 1809; married Hannah (Mattison) Rathbun, widow of Willet<sup>6</sup> Rathbun (Joseph<sup>5</sup> Joshua<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>).  
?NEWMAN A., born about 1814; married Bridget O'Flynn.

**31. STEPHEN CALHOUN<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Daniel<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4-1</sup>), born about 1792, at Exeter, and married to a wife whose name is not known. This family was not covered by Cooley, and information is sketchy. Stephen died April 1, 1855, at the almshouse in Monson, Mass. Nothing is known of his wife.

## CHILDREN

?SAMUEL, born about 1816; married Eunice Roberts.  
?DAVID, born about 1820; married Caroline \_\_\_\_\_.  
?SARAH, born about 1822; married William W. Barden.  
CHILD (name unknown); born about 1824; died Feb. 2, 1829.  
CHILD (name unknown); born about 1826; died Feb. 2, 1829.  
ABRAHAM, born March 20, 1831; married Elizabeth Rodenheiser.  
?CHARLES, born about 1836; married Ellen Minerva Brown.  
?MELISSA, born about 1842; alive in 1855; no further information.

**32. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Jonathan<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4-1</sup>), born Aug. 21, 1793, at Exeter, R.I., and married there about 1817 Alice Crandall, born Sept. 15, 1799, daughter of Rowland and Rhoda (Kenyon) Crandall. He apparently died about 1830, and his widow married sometime after 1832 Calvin Eason, and moved to New Haven, N.Y. She died by 1850. This family was not covered by Cooley, and more research is needed.

## CHILDREN

CHARITY, born about 1820; alive in 1850; no further information.  
RUTH, born about 1823; alive in 1850; no further information.  
PROBABLY OTHERS, names unknown.

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**33. NEWMAN<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Jonathan<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4-1</sup>), born April 6, 1795, in Exeter, R.I., and married there Jan. 1, 1826, Elizabeth (Betsey) Rathbun, born Feb. 10, 1807, daughter of Joseph<sup>5</sup> Rathbun (Joshua<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>). She died March 3, 1855, and he married about 1856 Rhoda \_\_\_\_\_, born about 1799, ancestry unknown. Newman died Jan. 3, 1875, at Exeter. Rhoda's death date is not known.

#### CHILDREN

AMOS SHEFFIELD, born Aug. 25, 1826; married Sally Potter.

OLIVE C., born Aug. 18, 1828; married Noah Wilcox on June 3, 1851.

JOHN W., born Jan. 21, 1831; died April 3, 1831.

JUDITH LUCINDA, born Dec. 22, 1832; married William A Boss on May 6, 1855.

JONATHAN K., born Dec. 28, 1834; died Feb. 5, 1835.

NEWMAN A, born Jan. 24, 1836; died Oct. 2, 1854.

ESTHER E., born Dec. 8, 1837; married (1) Dwight Corey, (2) Keeney Gallup.

SUSAN, born May 6, 1840; died Aug. 29, 1852.

DANIEL P., born June 21, 1842; died Feb. 10, 1874.

**34. AMOS<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Jonathan<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4-1</sup>), born July 6, 1797, in Exeter, R.I., and married there about 1818 to a wife whose name is not known and who died in the early 1820s. He was married again on Nov. 23, 1826, to Sarah Crandall, born May 4, 1802, daughter of Rowland and Rhoda (Kenyon) Crandall. She died Nov. 13, 1828. Cooley reported that he later moved to Indiana, but this has not been confirmed. His death date is not known.

#### CHILDREN

JOHN S., born in March 1819; married Elizabeth Hoot.

JONATHAN CLARK, born in April 1825; married Lucy Ann Stow.

PROBABLY OTHERS, names unknown.

**35. LARKIN W.<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Thomas<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4-1</sup>), born July 3, 1832, in Exeter, R.I., and married Nov. 11, 1855, in Charlestown, R.I., Mary E. (Potter) Larkin, born about 1831, daughter of Stephen and (\_\_\_\_\_) Potter. She had previously been married to Levi Larkin, who left soon after the marriage on a whaling voyage, and was reported lost at sea. Larkin showed up shortly after Mary's marriage to Larkin Rathbun, causing a great scandal, but she decided to stay with Rathbun. In 1861, Larkin Rathbun enlisted in the Army shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War, and died March 21, 1863, in a Washington, D.C. hospital of illness. Mary died about the same time of "paralytic shock," which is understandable in view of her tragic life. Their children were raised by their Rathbun grandparents.

#### CHILDREN

CHILD, unnamed; born in 1856; died in infancy.

THOMAS LARKIN, born April 13, 1858; died unmarried April 27, 1934.

LYDIA A., born Aug. 10, 1859; died unmarried July 24, 1930.

**36. ZEBULON<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Edmund<sup>5</sup> Jonathan<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>), born May 19, 1784, at Tyringham, Mass., and moved with his parents as a young man to Ontario County, N.Y. He married there about 1809 Eunice Babb, born about 1790, parentage unknown. He served as an ensign in the Ontario County Militia from 1810 to 1814, including service in the War of 1812. Eunice died by 1850, and he was married by that year to Amy \_\_\_\_\_, born about 1790, parentage unknown. Zebulon died at Avon on Aug. 16, 1867. Amy died some time after that.

#### CHILDREN

JEPHTHA, born in 1810; married Eliza Ann Pearson (or Parsons).

EUNICE, born about 1812; married Uz Hendee.

AMBROSE, born May 18, 1814; married Hannah Crimmin.

ISABELLA, born about 1816; married Boardman Pearce Sept. 15, 1847.

GEORGE E., born in August 1819; married Catharine Greenlee.

MARIETTA, born about 1821; married Amaziah Rodway.<sup>161</sup>

JANE, born about 1823; married Isaac Leach.

RACHEL, born about 1825; married \_\_\_\_\_ Kapple.

**37. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Edmund<sup>5</sup> Jonathan<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>), born Aug. 4, 1787, at Tyringham, Mass., and moved with his parents as a boy to Ontario County, N.Y. He married there about 1813 Sabra Steward, born in 1794, parentage unknown. They moved about 1818 to Newburg, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and about 1823 to Russell Township, Geauga County, Ohio. The first school in the town was conducted in his home. They later moved back to Cuyahoga County, first to Orange Township and later to Chagrin Falls, where Sabra died in January 1859 and Jonathan in April 1861.

#### CHILDREN

BERTHA, born Feb. 10, 1814; died July 10, 1822.

GEORGE S., born May 8, 1816; married Emily Simons.

LUCY M., born Jan. 4, 1818; married Silas Parker Oct. 10, 1835.

JANE, born in June 1820; married John Bray Sept. 20, 1840.

BILLINGS O., born Jan. 4, 1824; married (1) Prudence Marble, and (2) Eliza Briant.

SARAH M. (or SABRA?), born Feb. 8, 1827; married (?) Laban Treat Aug. 16, 1846.

LAURA, born about 1829; married Ephraim Sheffield on July 4, 1848.

EDMUND, born Oct. 5, 1835; died June 16, 1858, according to Cooley, but was listed as "sick" in the 1860 census at Chagrin Falls. He possibly died June 16, 1868.

**38. EDMUND<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Edmund<sup>5</sup> Jonathan<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>), born August 16, 1794, at Tyringham, Mass., and moved with his parents as a young boy to Ontario County, N.Y. He served in the N.Y. Militia in the closing months of the War of 1812. In November 1817 he moved by sleigh to Newburg, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where he purchased 44 acres. In 1818, he bought another 81

acres. He married there April 1, 1819, Julia Anna Hamilton, born in 1798, daughter of Samuel and Susannah Hamilton. In 1854, he sold his farm and moved to nearby Solon, and later to Cleveland. He died Oct. 28, 1881, and his wife on April 2, 1891.

#### CHILDREN

ALVIN D., born Jan. 30, 1820; married Esther T. Hubbard.

CAROLINE, born Sept. 20, 1821; married Samuel Brooks.

MELINDA, born Aug. 16, 1823; married J. Freeman Brooks Oct. 16, 1851.

LYDIA H., born July 18, 1827; married John Brooks on March 28, 1853.

**39. GEORGE STEWARD<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Edmund<sup>5</sup> Jonathan<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>), born in 1796 at Tyringham, Mass., and moved as a small boy with his parents to Ontario County, N.Y. He married in February 1817 at Avon, N.Y., Harriet Warren, birth date and parentage unknown. They moved soon afterwards to Newburg, Ohio. He apparently operated a hotel at Newburg and was an active civic leader, serving as township trustee from 1842 to 1844, and as postmaster in 1845. Harriet died on Oct. 10, 1843, and he was married again on Dec. 18, 1845, to Nancy (\_\_\_\_) Hendershot, born about 1801, maiden name unknown, the widow of Casper Hendershot. George died Sept. 1, 1877, at Newburg. Nancy's death date is not known.

#### CHILDREN

MINERVA, born April 31, 1819; married Henry Ruggles on June 12, 1845.

EUNICE W., born June 6, 1821; married Alvin Sawyer on March 30, 1841.

WARREN, born in August 1823; married Caroline Robinson.

GEORGE SOLON, born Feb. 27, 1829; married (1) Jane Vanlier; (2) Rachel Vanlier, and (3) Dicie Jennie Dean.

**40. NELSON<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Edmund<sup>5</sup> Jonathan<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>), born about 1820 in Newburg, Ohio. He had a most checkered career. He was married on Feb. 23, 1839, to Lydia Jane Dilts; on Sept. 6, 1843, to Eliza Beakell, and on Sept. 13, 1847, to Harriet Badger. He apparently did not bother to divorce his previous

wives before his remarriages, and about 1848 was convicted of bigamy and sentenced to the State Penitentiary. In 1851, he was released on a technicality, but was arrested a short time later for stealing a horse and cutter. He was also arrested during this same period on a murder charge, but was found not guilty "having proved an alibi." Later in the 1850s, he was convicted of horse stealing, and in 1860 was still in the State Prison at Columbus, occupation described as "boatman." On Feb. 2, 1865, he was married to Sarah Alger, a widow, born in February 1831, but the marriage ended in divorce. On Nov. 8, 1876, he married Mary Ann Bester (spelling uncertain), who died Oct. 10, 1885. They were living in Cleveland at that time, and he probably died there, date unknown. His fourth wife, Sarah, was still living in 1910 in Cleveland with their daughter, his only known child.

#### CHILD

CELIA, born in 1866; married Armer S. Reed.

**41. THOMAS<sup>6</sup> RATHBUN** (Clark<sup>5</sup> Jonathan<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>), born Sept. 3, 1782, in West Greenwich, R.I., and moved as a young boy with his parents to Butler County, Pa., about 1796. He was married there, at Rosendale, on July 12, 1803, to Elizabeth Cochrane, born July 12, 1781, parentage unknown. They remained in Pennsylvania when his parents moved to Ohio in 1808, but Thomas and Elizabeth followed them about 1811, settling near his parents in Harmony Township, Clark County, Ohio. Thomas taught the first school in the township in 1835, and later operated a hotel at nearby Brighton. Elizabeth died at Brighton on Nov. 16, 1838, and Thomas was married on June 26, 1839, to Azuba (Bardwell) Laird, born Feb. 10, 1795, daughter of Simon and Dorothy (Mills) Bardwell, and widow of David G. Laird. Azuba died at Brighton on May 22, 1862, and Thomas died there Sept. 10, 1869.

#### CHILDREN

(All by Elizabeth)

MARY, born April 14, 1804; married William McMillen Sept. 18, 1827.

JOHN TILLINGHAST, born Jan. 22, 1806; married Mary Curl.

JEFFREY HAZARD, born Feb. 11, 1808; died unmarried Feb. 26, 1838.

CLARK, born Oct. 22, 1812; married Mary Ann Hannah.

AMOS, born June 16, 1818; died unmarried Feb. 17, 1842.

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## Place Orders Now for Sets of Old 1890s Historian

Some 15 members of our association have expressed interest in obtaining xerox copies of the original Rathbone Family Historians, published from 1892 to 1894. (See story in our July 1981 issue). It will cost about \$75 for a complete set, including the copying, collating, stapling and mailing. All members who expressed interest, and any others who want copies, please send your \$75 check (made out to the association) by June 1. We will order the required number of copies at that time, and mail them out. It is unlikely that we will ever make copies again. So, if you are interested, act promptly.

Ann (Rathbun) Pfof, one of our members, was the guest of honor Dec. 28 at a party marking her 85th birthday. Held in Aurora, Colo., it was hosted by her four children. Among the guests were Ann's sister, Nora (Rathbun) Delzell; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Also present were several Denver-area members of our association — Roy and Anna May Rathbun, Fred and Shirley Rathbun, Harlan and Sarah Rathbun, Henry and Shirley Rathbun, and Donald and Betty Rathbun, and Donald Jr. Mrs. Pfof is the daughter of George<sup>6</sup> Rathbun (Uzel<sup>7</sup> John<sup>6</sup> Alfred<sup>5</sup> Job<sup>4</sup> Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Joseph<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).



# Obituaries

**DIED** — Feb. 9, 1986, Robert Lewis Rathbun, at Escondido, California, aged 64. A retired Marine Corps colonel, he was the son of Irving<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Joseph<sup>8</sup> Isaiah<sup>7-6</sup> Ashley<sup>5</sup> Isaiah<sup>4</sup> Jonathan<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>). He is survived by two sons, Robert Michael and Craig. See story of his outstanding military career on Page 19.

**DIED** — Jan. 25, 1986, Laura (Nelsen) Rathbun, at Bakersfield, California, aged 96. She was the widow of John Edgar<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Virgil<sup>8</sup> Giles<sup>7</sup> James<sup>6</sup> Thomas<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). She is survived by a son, Bryce C. Rathbun, and his wife, Marilyn, members of our association; two brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

**DIED** — Dec. 27, 1985, at Fort Worth, Texas, Ardilene (Ardie) Rathbone Hefner, aged 87. She was the daughter of Howard<sup>8</sup> Rathbone (Elijah<sup>7</sup> Amasa<sup>6</sup> Moses<sup>5</sup> Joshua<sup>4</sup> Jonathan<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>), and the widow of Joseph Hefner. She had previously been married to Claud Munds. Among her survivors is a nephew, James Stites, a member of our association.

**DIED** — December 24, 1985, at Providence, R.I., Alfred A. Rathbun, aged 81. He was the son of Ernest<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (George<sup>8</sup> Jeremiah<sup>7</sup> Robert<sup>6</sup> Samuel<sup>5</sup> Roger<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Normand and Leonard; a daughter, Roseanna Miller; two brothers, Ernest and Robert; three sisters, Beatrice, Emma and Edna; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

**DIED** — Feb. 15, 1986, Fae M. Butler, at Billings, Montana, aged 50. She was the daughter of Harvey Ellinger and Olla<sup>9</sup> (Rathbun) Ellinger (Jesse<sup>8</sup> Archibald<sup>7</sup> John<sup>6</sup> William<sup>5</sup> Thomas<sup>4-3</sup> Samuel<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). Survivors include three children; two grandchildren; nine brothers; five sisters, including one of our members, Joan Byers, and many nieces and nephews.

**DIED** — December 8, 1985, at Spring Valley, Minn., Alvina (Melchart) Rathbun, aged 97. She was the widow of Arthur<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Byron<sup>7</sup> Gamaliel<sup>6</sup> Walter<sup>5</sup> Thomas<sup>4-3-2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). Survivors include five sons, Ross, Darrell, Lawrence, Ralph and Loren; seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

**DIED** — Jan. 3, 1986, at Herkimer, N.Y., Caroline (Rathbun) Murphy, aged 90. She was the widow of John E. Murphy and the daughter of John<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (John<sup>7-6</sup> Thomas<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). She is survived by four sons, three daughters, 27 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Olive Herringshaw and Naomi Herringshaw.

**DIED** — Feb. 1, 1986, at Portland, Ore., John McKee Rathbun, aged 84, a member of our association. He was the son of John Hall<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Charles<sup>8-7-6</sup> Amos<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Jonathan<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>). Survivors include his wife, Faye; a daughter, Joyce MacDonald; four grandchildren, and a sister, Elizabeth Schmidt. In 1969, after retiring from 31 years service with the Bonneville Power Administration, he won a Meritorious Service Award from the Department of the Interior.

**DIED** — July 3, 1985, at Wichita, Kansas, Ruth (Rathbone) Sallee, aged 89. She was the last surviving child of Harvey T.<sup>7</sup> Rathbone (Ira<sup>6</sup> Edmund<sup>5-4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>).

**DIED** — Jan. 9, 1986, at Pacific, Wash., Wanda Eileen Rathbun, aged 56. She was the wife of Charles Therone<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (John<sup>9-8</sup> Byron<sup>7</sup> James<sup>6</sup> Thomas<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>), a member of our association. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Timothy and Donald; five daughters, Charleen Rathbun, Cheryl Comprelli, Roberta Doran, Sybil Polston and Jackie Langholz, and 20 grandchildren.

## Richard Rathbun Host for Historic Television 'First'

Richard Rathbun, president of the Beyond War Foundation (formerly Creative Initiative — see story in our April 1984 issue), was the host on December 14, 1985, to a historically unprecedented international television broadcast.

The occasion was the awarding of Beyond War's 1985 Peace Prize to six heads of government for their work on behalf of international peace.

Broadcast simultaneously from five continents, the program featured televised presentations of the awards by Rathbun in California to President Raul Alfonsin of Argentina (South America); Prime Minister Rajiv Ghandi of India (Asia); President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania (Africa); President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico (North America); Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece, and Prime Minister Olaf Palme of Sweden (Europe). Mr. Palme was tragically assassinated less than three months later.

Millions of people throughout the world witnessed the broadcast, the first ever to originate simultaneously in five continents.

When Rathbun opened the awards ceremony, it was 8:30 a.m. in California, where nearly 3,000 persons were gathered in San Francisco's Masonic Auditorium. It was 10:30 a.m. in Mexico, 1:30 p.m. in Argentina, 5:30 p.m. in Sweden, 6:30 p.m. in Greece, 7:30 p.m. in Tanzania, and 10 p.m. in India.

The international broadcast cost \$750,000, and used 10 space satellites. The signals traveled some four million miles, bouncing back and forth from stations on earth to the satellites. Hundreds of technicians in each country worked on the project.

The six national leaders being honored had begun their peace initiative in May 1984, when they issued a joint statement, broadcast via satellite throughout the world, calling upon all the nuclear powers to end the nuclear arms race, by ceasing the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons.

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# Births

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**BORN** — July 10, 1985, Nicholas Matthias Limbeck, son of Kevin Rathbun Limbeck and Wendy Lynn (Siegel) Limbeck. Kevin is the son of our members, Paul and Rosma (Rathbun) Limbeck, and a grandson of the late William<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Jonathan<sup>7</sup> Thomas<sup>6-5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — July 13, 1985, Kaylyn Danyel Millsap, daughter of Gary and Darceil (Lane) Millsap, and the sixth great-grandchild of our member, Alice (Cox) Phillips. Mrs. Phillips is the granddaughter of Thomas Arvine<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Alonzo<sup>7</sup> Thomas<sup>6</sup> Russell<sup>5</sup> Simeon<sup>4</sup> Thomas<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

**BORN** — Dec. 17, 1985, Jessica Elmira LeClair, daughter of Thomas and Hazel (Rathbun) LeClair. Hazel is the daughter of our member, Alyce Gail (Williams) Rathburn, and the late Clarence Harris<sup>9</sup> Rathburn (Henry<sup>8</sup> Valentine<sup>7</sup> John<sup>6</sup> Tibbetts<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4-3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — July 24, 1985, Thomas Winfield Schellens, son of Thomas and Jane (Scheide) Schellens, and grandson of our member, Margaret (Rathbun)<sup>10</sup> Scheide (Joseph<sup>9</sup> Leonard<sup>8-7</sup> Calvin<sup>6</sup> Samuel<sup>5</sup> Elijah<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3-2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — Nov. 11, 1985, Ryan Andrew Murdock, son of Nancy (Rathbun) Murdock and grandson of our member, Frank<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Frank<sup>8</sup> Joseph<sup>7</sup> Valentine<sup>6</sup> Daniel<sup>5</sup> Valentine<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

**BORN** — Aug. 4, 1985, Christopher Thomas Rathbun, son of Eugene and Virginia Rathbun, and grandson of our member, Richard N.<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (Frederick<sup>9-8</sup> Edward<sup>7</sup> Charles<sup>6</sup> Joshua<sup>5</sup> Amos<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

**BORN** — Aug. 16, 1985, Andrew Timothy Gillespie, son of Curt and Kathy Gillespie. Curt is the stepson of our members Victor and Ruth Streeter. Victor is a descendant of Harriet<sup>7</sup> Rathbun (Thomas<sup>6-5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Richard Cole.

**BORN** — December 18, 1985, Frank Hugo Rathbun IV, son of Frank H. Rathbun III and Janice (Finneran) Rathbun, and the first grandson (second grandchild) of your editor. Little "Frankie" is the great-grandson of Frank Hugo<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Hugo<sup>7</sup> Charles<sup>6</sup> Amos<sup>5-4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

**BORN** — June 18, 1985, Robert Michael Ellis, son of Michael and Audrey (Rathbun) Ellis. Audrey is a daughter of the late Robert Elmer<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (Elmer<sup>9</sup> Frank<sup>8</sup> James<sup>7</sup> Robert<sup>6</sup> John<sup>5-4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) and Margret (Pohlenz) Rathbun.

**BORN** — Nov. 9, 1985, Rebecca Doreen Flynn, daughter of Michael and Judith (Kellogg) Flynn, and a granddaughter of Doris (Rathbun)<sup>11</sup> Kellogg (Frank<sup>10</sup> Herbert<sup>9</sup> Francis<sup>8</sup> Joshua<sup>7</sup> Abraham<sup>6</sup> Joshua<sup>5-4-3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).

**BORN** — Dec. 5, 1985, Lydia Rae Rathbun, daughter of Navy Lt. Malcolm and Valerie (De Grasse) Rathbun. Lieutenant Rathbun is a son of the late George Malcolm<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (William<sup>8</sup> Jonathan<sup>7</sup> Thomas<sup>6-5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — September 1, 1985, Danielle Lynn Goldammer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Goldammer and granddaughter of Joan<sup>9</sup> (Rathbun) Goldammer (Maurice<sup>8</sup> Byron<sup>7</sup> Gamaliel<sup>6</sup> Walter<sup>5</sup> Thomas<sup>4-3-2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — Oct. 7, 1985, Jesse Durice Rathbun, son of Kelley<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (Keith<sup>9</sup> Maurice<sup>8</sup> Byron<sup>7</sup> Gamaliel<sup>6</sup> Walter<sup>5</sup> Thomas<sup>4-3-2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — Oct. 11, 1985, Kristina Schmitgen, daughter of Kimberly (Goldammer) Schmitgen and granddaughter of Joan<sup>9</sup> (Rathbun) Goldammer (Maurice<sup>8</sup> Byron<sup>7</sup> Gamaliel<sup>6</sup> Walter<sup>5</sup> Thomas<sup>4-3-2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — Nov. 8, 1984, Gregory Stephen Wilson, daughter of Michelle (Rathbun) Wilson and granddaughter of Steven<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Maurice<sup>8</sup> Byron<sup>7</sup> Gamaliel<sup>6</sup> Walter<sup>5</sup> Thomas<sup>4-3-2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — Sept. 13, 1985, Kathleen Rathbun, daughter of Kevin<sup>12</sup> Rathbun (Philip<sup>11</sup> Frank<sup>10</sup> Herbert<sup>9</sup> Francis<sup>8</sup> Joshua<sup>7</sup> Abraham<sup>6</sup> Joshua<sup>5-4-3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>) and his wife, Barbara. She is a great-niece to two of our members, Roland and Frank Rathbun.

**BORN** — Oct. 17, 1985, Nathan Andrew Rathbun, son of Dr. Lynn and Bonnie Rathbun of Ithaca, N.Y., and grandson of our members, Lillie and Chester<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Howard<sup>8</sup> Valentine<sup>7</sup> Horace<sup>6</sup> William<sup>5</sup> Daniel<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>). Lynn Rathbun is a physicist at Cornell University.

**BORN** — June 6, 1985, Rebecca Lee Strickland, daughter of David and Jean Marie (Uitto) Strickland and granddaughter of our member, Phyllis Cuevas. Mrs. Cuevas is a granddaughter of Blanche<sup>8</sup> (Rathbun) Kaese (William<sup>7</sup> Alfred<sup>6-5</sup> Job<sup>4</sup> Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Joseph<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**BORN** — July 17, 1985, Ashley Marie Rathbun, daughter of Barry<sup>10</sup> Rathbun (James<sup>9</sup> Maurice<sup>8</sup> Byron<sup>7</sup> Gamaliel<sup>6</sup> Walter<sup>5</sup> Thomas<sup>4-3-2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

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# People

**JOHN RATHBONE FALCK** has donated his 4,000-acre ranch in Colorado to the state Open Lands Program, so that it will remain an undeveloped area. The ranch is valued at between \$12 and \$16 million dollars. Falck, 74, will continue to live in his log house on the property. We have been unable to contact Mr. Falck, but he is presumably the son of Elizabeth Arnot<sup>9</sup> Rathbone (James<sup>8</sup> Henry<sup>7</sup> Ransom<sup>6</sup> Moses<sup>5</sup> Joshua<sup>4</sup> Jonathan<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>) and Alexander Falck.

**ROSMA LIMBECK** and her husband, Paul, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last October with a dinner attended by more than 100 friends and family members at Ladysmith, Wisc. The dinner, planned by their children and grandchildren, was held on Oct. 25, several days before their anniversary on Oct. 31. Rosma is the daughter of William Jonathan<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Jonathan<sup>7</sup> Thomas<sup>6-5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**DAVID L. RATHBUN** was named Professor of the Year for 1985 at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. Professor Rathbun, an ocean sailing enthusiast, was one of a three-man crew which took a 29-foot sailboat last year from Florida to Ireland. He is the son of our member Harlan E.<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (George<sup>8-7</sup> Edmund<sup>6</sup> Gideon<sup>5</sup> Edmund<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>).

**FREDERICK L. CROAD** and Stacey A. VanHanegan were married Sept. 28, 1985, at Rome, N.Y. He is the son of our members, Gary and Diane (Rathbun) Croad. Diane is a daughter of Ernest Leslie<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Floyd<sup>8</sup> Alton<sup>7</sup> Alva<sup>6</sup> Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Gideon<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3-2-1</sup>).

**SCOTT RATHBURN** made the news last July during a controversial motorcycle race — "The Cannonball Run" — at Buffalo, Wyoming. Rathburn was arrested after traveling through town at 131 miles an hour, dressed in a tuxedo! We do not know the identity of this cousin.

## Our New Members

<p>Jeanelle Alden Arvada, Colo.</p> <p>Dale A. Bennett Indio, Calif.</p> <p>Donna Blackburn Collins, Miss.</p> <p>Ella Crane Atascaders, Calif.</p> <p>Elizabeth Dana Portland, Ore.</p> <p>Frederick Haines Bainbridge, Ga.</p> <p>Ruth Hall St. Paul, Minn.</p> <p>Rachel Harper Denver, Colo.</p> <p>Avanelle Jones Barnard, Kans.</p> <p>Mary D. King Greene, N.Y.</p> <p>William F. Marsh Madison, Wisc.</p> <p>Bonnie McClellan Overland Park, Kans.</p> <p>Dixie Kay Miller Morgan, Utah</p>	<p>Donald E. Rathbun Hagerman, Idaho</p> <p>Eugene D. Rathbun Springfield, Ohio</p> <p>Frank P. Rathbun Rye, Texas</p> <p>Guy D. Rathbun Lancaster, Calif.</p> <p>Guy F. Rathbun Morro Bay, Calif.</p> <p>Harlan E. Rathbun Denver, Colo.</p> <p>Howard Rathbun Lake Havasu, Ariz.</p> <p>Dr. Jennifer Rathbun West Newton, Mass.</p> <p>John W. Rathbun Monterey Park, Calif.</p> <p>Kenneth G. Rathbone Cambria, Calif.</p> <p>Max L. Rathbun Fremont, Ind.</p> <p>Ralph N. Rathburn Aurora, Colo.</p> <p>Mabel Wells Santa Barbara, Calif.</p>
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**CAROL RATHBUN** and Michael Liptak were married Oct. 26, 1985, in California. Carol, a member of our association, is the daughter of our member, Fred Charles<sup>9</sup> Rathbun (Fred<sup>8</sup> Erastus<sup>7</sup> Edwin<sup>6</sup> George<sup>5</sup> Job<sup>4</sup> Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Joseph<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

**GAIL JACOBSON** has pointed out to us that the descendants of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Rathbun (John<sup>3-2-1</sup>) and Susan Barber are also descended from one of the Mayflower passengers — George Soule who married Mary Beckett. They were the great-grandparents of Joseph Barber, the father of Susan Barber.

**FRANK RATHBUN** of Omaha, Neb., presented his four children with unique Christmas presents last December. He gave them each a 13-page history of their Rathbun heritage, dating back to our immigrant ancestors, John and Margaret Rathbun/bone of Block Island. Frank typed the material himself, using much material from our Historian, and bound each booklet in plastic covers. Frank is the son of Frank<sup>8</sup> Rathbun (Joseph<sup>7</sup> Valentine<sup>6</sup> Daniel<sup>5</sup> Valentine<sup>4</sup> Joshua<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2-1</sup>).