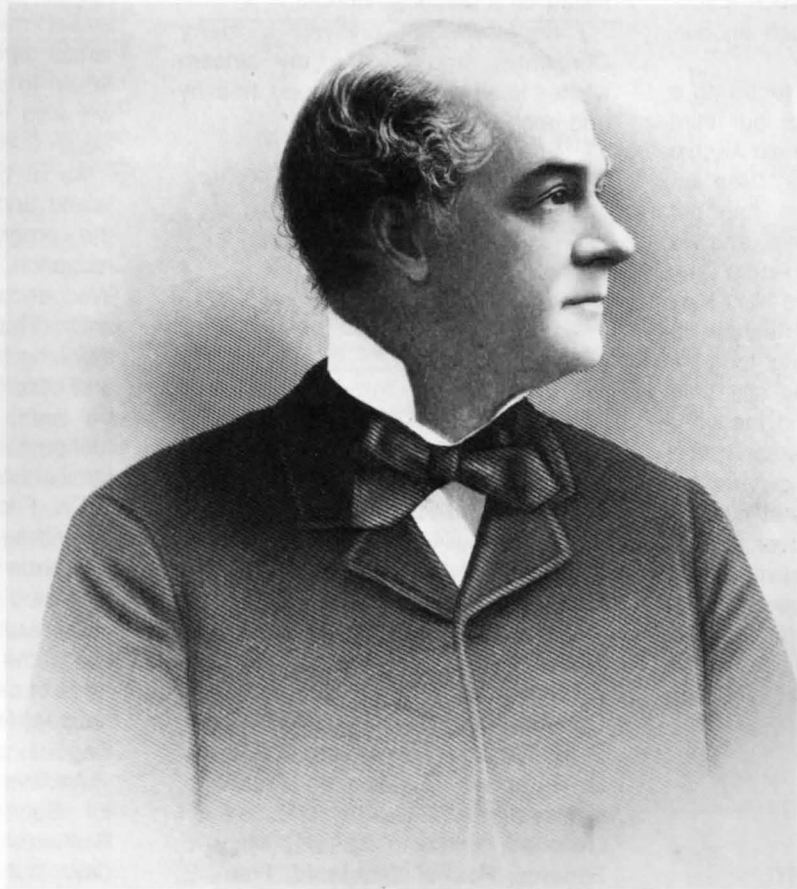


Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn
FAMILY
HISTORIAN



Oscar J. Rathbun
(1832-1892)

Devoted to
the perpetuity of
our common heritage
an honorable
Name.

Letter from the Editor

With this issue, our Association and the Historian begin their seventh year. It hardly seems possible. As I write this, just before Christmas, only 400 of our 490 members from last year have sent in their renewal checks. I hope, and expect, that this figure will go up in the next few weeks.

Hazel and I give our thanks to all the cousins who sent us Christmas greetings. And I offer my thanks to all of you for your support and assistance in making our Association such a success, and our Historian such an outstanding family publication.

With this issue, you are receiving a packet of information about our third national reunion, to be held next August in Rapid City, South Dakota. (See accompanying story.) Hazel has put together an excellent program, and we hope to see many of you in Rapid City.

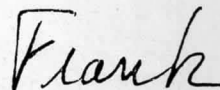
On our English Roots Trip next May and June, our tour agent is now in England putting the finishing touches on our program. There is still time to join the group. Just send me your deposit check of \$425 per person (\$950 per couple), and you will receive a full package of information. Total cost of the trip will be something over \$2,000 each, which includes all travel costs, lodging and nearly all our meals.

This issue's stories include the sad and brutal murder of a Rathbun widow and her daughter; the career of Oscar

J. Rathbun, once lieutenant-governor of Rhode Island; the travels of Captain Joshua Rathbun on the ship Ann and Hope, and the conclusion of our story on Congressman George Rathbun.

As you read about Congressman Rathbun's career, you might ponder how much our country could use such a leader today: a man who followed his convictions no matter how unpopular they might be; who opposed unnecessary Federal spending, and who insisted on a balanced budget.

I hope you all enjoyed a merry Christmas, and I send my sincere wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy and hopeful New Year.



WE THANK the following members who have sent us family data, pictures, clippings and other materials in recent months: Mary Van Epps, Nancy Snowden, Eileen Owens, Jay H. Rathbun, Betty Lou Winterland, Rosma Limbeck, Betsey Dana, Dr. Earl Antes, Helen M. Rathbun, Ed and Polly Rathbone, Fred and Shirley Rathbun, Grove and Janet Rathbun, Art Schroeck, Mary Callison, Katherine Coner, Hazel Koehler, Sharon Jahn, Perry Rathbone, Jean Waddell, Robert R. Rathbone, Eugene W. Rathbone, K. Haybron Adams, Louise Duffey, Bill Lieuellen, Esther Littlefield, Mary E. Sanders, Rachel Laurgaard, Frank E. Rathbun, Leonard E. Rathbun, LaPrelle Weatherford, Eugene P. Rathbun, Betty Bonawitz, Beatrice St. Onge, Betty Rathbun, Rev. Bill and Dorothy Rathbun, Rebecca Dodge, Dollie Vick, Hazel Ritchie, Mary Pearl Whitman, Candise Rathbun, Jayne Rezin, Col. Robert Allen Greene, Roland Rathbun, Helene Rathbun, Mary Vincent, Doris Stoppa, Barbara Bulmer, Phyllis Cuevas, Maxine Oltrogge, Robert M. Rathbun, Dr. C.J. Brown, Ruth Hatzenbuhler, Carol Boyer and Donald Landis.

Third Annual Reunion Set in Rapid City

Plans have been completed for our third national family reunion, to be held next August 19-24 at Rapid City, South Dakota.

The Howard Johnson Motor Lodge will be our headquarters, and a busy five-day program is planned.

With this Historian, you will receive an information package, a room reservation card, and a reservation form to return to us. Within a few weeks, you will also receive a tourist kit from the South Dakota governor's office.

As in our past reunions, at Block Island and Des Moines, we will begin the program with a get-acquainted reception, to be held on the evening of Wednesday, August 19.

On Thursday, we have planned a day-long bus tour to Mount Rushmore and other points of interest. Friday will be spent at the hotel, with a family heirloom display in the morning, and a family history seminar in the afternoon.

On Friday evening, we will have a prime-rib dinner, followed by a slideshow on our family's role in the westward migration of the late 1800s.

We are still looking for pictures to use in the slide show — pre-1900 pictures of early family members and their houses, farming activities, horses and wagons, stores, etc.

Another full-day bus trip is planned for Saturday — to the fascinating Badlands area. Sunday will be a free day, but in the evening we have scheduled a bus trip to Spearfish to see the world-famous Passion Play which has been produced there annually for the past 50 years.

Since we need an early head count to make our final plans, we must have your reservation forms and checks by March 31.

It should be a wonderful five days, and we look forward to a big turnout.

Why not plan your summer vacation to include the reunion? Meet your cousins from all over the country. And bring along your family heirlooms.

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George Rathbun Becomes Keen, Forceful Congressman

In our last issue, we outlined the early career of George⁶ Rathbun (Edward⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born in 1802, who was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1843, representing the Auburn area of New York State. On April 23, 1844, he was involved in one of the first fistfights on the floor of the House. Called a "damned liar" by Congressman John White of Tennessee, Rathbun responded by knocking White to the floor with one punch. John Cooley's 1898 Rathbone Genealogy related how Rathbun was met by a brass band on his return home to Auburn.

Cooley, a first cousin of Congressman Rathbun, gives one of the few contemporary accounts of the fight:

"A southern member called him (Rathbun) a liar; the words had scarcely escaped the lips of the ruffian when he received a blow from the powerful arm of (Rathbun) which felled him to the floor. The affair caused no little sensation at the time, but it commanded the respect of all who knew Mr. Rathbun."

In the election that fall, Rathbun easily won reelection to a second term in Congress.

For White, however, the affair signaled the end of his career. He was not reelected in the fall, and was appointed a few months later as a judge in Kentucky. Seven months after that, he committed suicide after the humiliating revelation that one of his speeches had been "lifted" verbatim from a speech given 40 years earlier by Aaron Burr.

Rathbun certainly did not lose the respect of his colleagues in Congress for his role in the fight. He was named chairman of the important judiciary committee, and became one of the most active members of the House in his second term. He developed a special skill in the art of parliamentary procedure, and used it frequently

on the House floor. The pages of the Congressional Globe (forerunner of the present-day Congressional Record) show him again and again calling points of order and controlling floor debate with parliamentary maneuvers.

A study of his statements in the 1845

"I am very apt to follow my convictions whether popular or not" — Congressman George Rathbun.

Globe offers an interesting analysis of his character and opinions.

He consistently fought needless Federal spending, opposed the impending Mexican War, favored a balanced budget, and strongly battled against "giveaway" prices for Federal lands being sold to speculators.

Rathbun once voted against a popular bill to raise military pay with the following explanation:

"I know this stand will be unpopular, but I am very apt to follow my convictions, whether popular or not!"

Here are some examples of his actions and comments during 1845:

Opposed a bill to appropriate \$100,000 for improvements on the Columbia River in Oregon (in an area then claimed by both the United States and England). "I have no objection to a little sport, but I think it is carrying things too far to propose an appropriation for the Columbia River until we know whether we own it."

Opposed the admission of Texas as a slave state, and as a compromise suggested dividing the territory of Iowa

into two free states, rather than one, to keep a better political balance between the North and South.

Opposed the creation of a commissioner to represent the United States in China at a salary of \$5,000, but agreed to the idea after the House approved his amendment that the commissioner not be paid unless he actually went to China and resided there.

Opposed a bill to reduce Federal tariffs in view of the anticipated war with Mexico. "I cannot in a time of war agree to reduce Federal revenue."

Proposed a plan to divide Federal jobs in Washington among residents of all the states, after learning that of 730 clerk positions in Washington, more than 500 were held by residents of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Told that it would be too difficult to work out such a division of jobs, he replied: "We might call on any boy to divide 700 (the number of jobs) by 226 (the number of congressional

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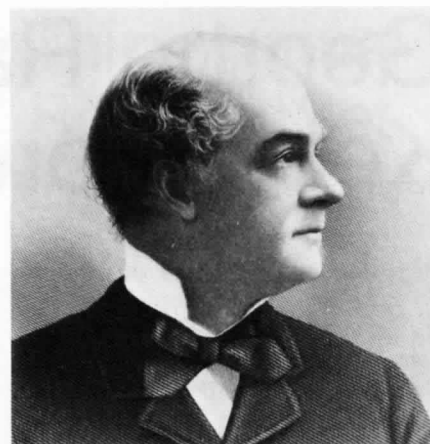
Memberships (490 @ \$15) ..	\$7,350
Sale of Past Historians	1,020
Bank Account Interest	240
Total	\$8,610

1986 Expenses

Printing of Historian	\$4,649
Computer Mailing Costs	1,832
Postage	540
Research	397
Telephone	326
Stationery & Supplies	323
Pictures	159
Miscellaneous	70
Total	\$8,296
Carryover from 1985	1,018
Balance on Hand	1,332

Oscar J. Rathbun

Banker, Manufacturer, R.I. State Senator, Lieutenant-Governor



Oscar J. Rathbun

This is the story of a remarkable Rathbun cousin, Oscar Jenckes Rathbun, who began his career as a retail clerk and went on to become one of Rhode Island's leading businessmen and civic leaders, and served two years in the state senate and two years as Rhode Island's lieutenant-governor, the highest state office ever held by a member of our family.

Oscar Jenckes Rathbun was born March 12, 1832, in Woonsocket, R.I., the son of Aaron⁶ Rathbun (Aaron⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹), and Julia E. Jenckes.

Aaron Rathbun (1804-1854) was a native of Lisbon, Conn., and came from a family of stone masons. He worked at that trade as a young man, and about 1828 he went to Woonsocket to help construct a new stone mill for Job Jenckes, a manufacturer of cotton goods.

Jenckes and two brothers in 1822 had erected Woonsocket's first stone factory, and around it had sprung up a little "mill village" known as Jenckesville.

While working on the new mill, Aaron met Job Jenckes' youngest daughter, Julia, then about 16, and the two soon fell in love. They were married in 1831, when he was 27 and she was 18. Oscar was born the following year, and was to be their only child.

Aaron gave up his masonry trade after the marriage, and opened a general store in Woonsocket, where Oscar grew up. He went to high school

in nearby Worcester, Mass., and then was sent to the Clinton Liberal Institute, in Oneida County, N.Y., to complete his education. In 1850, aged 18, he returned to Woonsocket and became a clerk in his father's store.

On March 24, 1854, Aaron Rathbun died, leaving the store to his son, but on his death bed advised Oscar, then 22, to give up the business and go into manufacturing. It proved to be sound advice.

Oscar settled his father's estate, sold the store, and went to work at the Woonsocket Falls National Bank. He must have taken to the banking business, for in 1857, he became cashier of the Citizens National Bank and also treasurer of the Citizens Savings Bank, both in Woonsocket.

He considered his banking career only as a temporary line of work until he could save enough money to go into manufacturing, as recommended by his father.

During his banking years, he met Rachel Harris, daughter of Edward Harris, a prominent textile manufacturer in Woonsocket. They were married Oct. 24, 1860. Edward Harris was greatly impressed with his new son-in-law's ability and ambition, and was happy to help advance his career.

Oscar had been negotiating for some months with members of the Jenckes family who still owned the Jenckesville cotton mills. He purchased the Jenckes interests in 1860, possibly with financial aid from his father-in-law, and renamed them the Rathbun Mills.

Two years later, he joined his father-in-law in organizing a new firm, the

Harris Woolen Company, with Harris as president and Oscar as secretary. The Civil War was then in its second year, and with southern cotton no longer available, they saw wool as a profitable substitute.

The new company prospered during the war years, and Oscar had good reason to praise his father's advice to go into manufacturing. At one point during the war, Oscar organized a cavalry troop in Woonsocket, and became its colonel, but there is no record of his going into action.

Woonsocket had become a major textile center, and in 1866 Oscar was listed as one of the town's leading producers of sheets and other cloth materials. He was also actively engaged in the Harris enterprises, and with his father-in-law in 1865 developed a new industrial center on the Mill River, called Privilege Mills. Blocks of sturdy brick homes were built for their mill workers, some of which are still standing today.

About 1868, Oscar and his wife bought an imposing mansion at 289 Prospect Street in an area where many of the city's wealthiest and most prominent citizens had their homes.

By this time, Oscar and Rachel had two children — Mabel, born in 1862, and Edward Harris Rathbun, named for Rachel's father, in 1866.

As the decade of the 1870s began, Oscar was one of Woonsocket's leading industrialists. He was still operating his own Rathbun Mills, and was active in affairs of the Harris Woolen Company.



Rachel (Harris) Rathbun

In 1872, Oscar's brother-in-law, Joseph Harris, 22, was brought into the family operation, and was sent to Prussia to study the textile industry there, preparatory to joining his father and Oscar in the Harris operation.

The year ended in tragedy. Joseph Harris contracted typhoid in Prussia, and fell gravely ill. His father sailed to Europe to see his stricken son, who died early in October. The grieving father brought his son's body back to Rhode Island, only to die himself a few weeks later, in November, possibly having caught typhoid from his son. The family believed he died of a broken heart.

Oscar had hardly finished settling the Harris estates when tragedy struck again. His wife Rachel died unexpectedly on December 14, aged 30, and two weeks later his mother died, on December 31 — the last day of what Oscar must have considered the worst year of his life.

He succeeded his father-in-law as president of the Harris Woolen Company, and gave up active management of the Rathbun Mills, selling half of his interest. In the next two decades, he literally immersed himself in work and civic affairs. The list of his accomplishments is quite remarkable:

Oscar helped organize, and became president, of the Woonsocket and Pascoag Railroad Company, and the Woonsocket Street Railway Company. He also became president of the Citizens National Bank, where he had once been cashier.

He served on the board of directors of the Providence and Worcester

Railroad, the Mercantile Insurance Company, the Equitable Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Franklin National Bank, First National Bank of Woonsocket, American Wood Paper Company, Ray's Woolen Company, City Mills Company, Woonsocket Gas Company and the Rhode Island Tool Company.

He was a trustee of the Woonsocket Hospital and of the Harris Institute, founded by his father-in-law. He was also a promoter and active supporter of the Woonsocket Opera House and a vestryman at the Woonsocket Episcopal Church. There seemed to be no limits to his interests or his energy.

With such an active life, he gained great public prestige, and became an influential leader in the Rhode Island Republican Party. He was persuaded to run for the State Senate in 1880, was elected and served two years.

In 1882 came the high point of his career — he was elected lieutenant-governor of Rhode Island on the Republican ticket, with Governor Augustus Bourne. After serving for two years, he retired from active political life, planning to devote more time to his expanding business interests.

The years of never-ending activity, however, had begun to take their toll. He developed a heart problem, and in 1891 he reluctantly retired as president of the Harris Woolen Company. He still maintained most of his other interests,

however, and spent much of his time attending board meetings.

On Feb. 1, 1892, Oscar went to Providence to attend the annual meeting of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, and was reelected to the board of directors. In mid-afternoon, he felt ill, and decided to return to Woonsocket.

At the Providence railroad station, he collapsed at the ticket counter, and died within minutes.

Oscar's funeral was one of the largest ever held in Woonsocket. Most of the top state officials were there, as well as the city's officers, leading businessmen from throughout the state, and a host of friends. Many of the city's mills and banks were closed during the funeral services.

The Woonsocket City Council later named a street in Oscar's honor, and Rathbun Street still exists today as a monument to this truly outstanding man.

(Much of the information for this story of Oscar Rathbun's life came from his great-granddaughter, Betsey Dana, a member of our association. Her grandfather was Oscar's son, Edward Harris Rathbun, and her father was Lawrance Rathbun, who died Nov. 22 and whose obituary appears in this issue. Our thanks also to Frank E. Rathbun, of Coventry, R.I., who did extensive research for us in local libraries).

Don't Be Fooled!

Several of our members have reported receiving a solicitation card from "Elizabeth Ross," offering a "Rathbun Album" for \$29.85. This is apparently a new "front" for an organization which has offered similar books for several years under the names of Beatrice Bayley and Sharon Taylor. As we have pointed out before, these books are nothing more than lists of Rathbuns (or Rathbones or Rathburns), culled from telephone directories, with some very general genealogical information. They are not worth the money! Even worse, they make it difficult for legitimate family associations such as ours.

Special offer

In 1983, our Association printed a pamphlet commemorating our installation of a marker in the Block Island Cemetery in honor of John and Margaret Rathbun, our immigrant ancestors. Everyone who contributed toward the monument cost received a copy of the pamphlet, and we have a considerable number on hand. They contain pictures of the monument, the cemetery and the dedication ceremony, and a list of donors. If you received one, but would like an extra copy, or if you were not a member then but would like to have one, or more, they are available for \$1.50 each, or two for two dollars.

Rathbun Widow and Daughter Killed in Brutal 1898 Murder

A Rathbun widow and her 12-year-old daughter were slain in a brutal 1898 murder in Burlington, Iowa, which shocked the Midwest and made headlines in newspapers throughout the area. The following story is based on contemporary newspaper accounts.

On Jan. 29, 1898, the bodies of Mrs. Fanny Rathbun, a widow, and her daughter, Mary, aged 12, were found in their little cottage home by neighbors in Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Rathbun's head had been crushed with an axe, and little Mary's throat had been slashed, her body mutilated and her face battered in a vicious sexual attack.

The bodies had lain undiscovered in the house for six days, and that of Mrs. Rathbun had been partly eaten by rats.

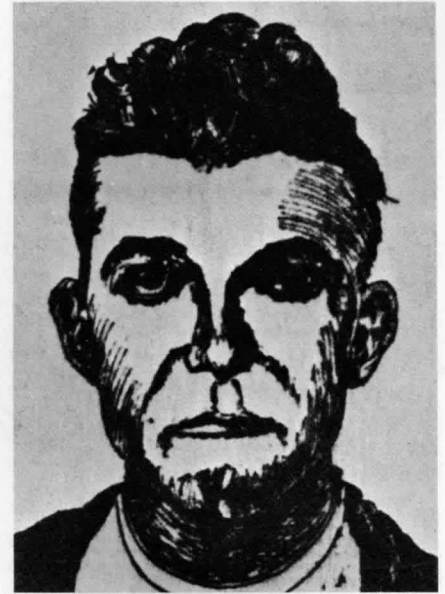
Horrified friends and neighbors told police that the murder victims had been quiet and peaceful. Fanny was of Spanish descent, and spoke broken English, but was well liked by all who knew her. Mary was described as a favorite at her school, a bright pupil, "more than ordinarily pretty, well-built and having a sturdy, independent nature."

Fanny was the widow of John E. Rathbun, probably the son of Ebenezer⁶ Rathbun (Ebenezer⁵ Thomas⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹). John had lived a tragic life which ended with his death 12 years earlier, aged 46, in Burlington. A Civil War veteran whose father and younger brother had both died in the war, John left home soon after his discharge and the family never heard from him again.

He was probably the John Rathbun who married Elizabeth Buckles on Jan. 25, 1866, in Adams County, Ill. He then moved to Burlington where he became a switch engineer for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He was severely injured about 1875 in a railway yard accident, and left badly crippled.



Mary Rathbun (Murder Victim)



Abe Storms (The Murderer)

The railroad company gave him a job as signalman at a railway-street crossing, with a small salary that enabled Rathbun to support himself and his wife. But his bad luck continued. His wife developed a heart problem; and on Oct. 17, 1876, she collapsed and died aged 30 while working in her kitchen.

About a year later, Rathbun married Fanny, who had possibly been his housekeeper after his first wife's death. On Jan. 18, 1879, Fanny had a baby boy named Edward Rathbun, who died at the age of eight weeks. Another son, Frank, was born in 1881, and then Mary was born about 1885.

John, however, had developed a lung ailment, possibly tuberculosis, and on April 26, 1886, after a long illness, he died, leaving Fanny with the two young children. She applied in 1890 for a Federal pension, based on his Civil War service, and was granted a monthly benefit of \$12.

But Fanny seemed doomed to the same bad luck which had plagued her husband. The son, Frank, with no father to help raise him, fell into bad

company, and in 1897, aged 16, he was arrested for petty larceny. He was sent to the Iowa Industrial School for Boys at Eldora.

With Frank gone, Fanny's troubles multiplied. Two brothers, Alexander (Abe) and Julius Storms, from whom Fanny bought firewood, began to take advantage of her language problem and her outgoing nature. They appeared at her home frequently, sometimes drunk, and demanded that she cook meals for them. The Storms, who were woodcutters and broommakers, used to bring a supply of brooms to the Rathbun home on Saturday afternoons, and send little Mary out to sell them on the streets. When she returned with the money, they went to a local tavern for several hours, and returned to the Rathbun home in the evening, loudly demanding that Fanny feed them. "I lock my doors and try to keep them out," Fanny once told a neighbor, "but they keep coming back and I am afraid of them." On one occasion, when she refused to admit them, the Storms brothers climbed through a basement

window to gain entrance. Once, the brothers threatened to kill her, Fanny said.

By January 1898, the situation had become so intolerable that Fanny decided to sell the house and move back to her native Mexico, where she had relatives. She wrote to her son Frank at the training school and told him of her plans. Frank, then about 17, nearly six feet tall and strongly resembling his mother, escaped from the institution on January 10. He was captured a few hours later, and later explained that he had hoped to join his mother and sister in the move to Mexico.

In the early evening of Sunday, January 23, Abe Storms went to the Rathbun home alone. Fanny apparently admitted him, and while the two talked, little Mary put on her coat and boots and went outdoors to play. A short time later, Fanny went down to the cellar to get more wood for the stove.

Storms, picking up an axe which he had brought with him, crept quietly down the stairs behind her. As she stooped over to pick up the wood, he lifted the axe and struck her on the head, killing her instantly. He then heard Mary coming back into the house.

He went back upstairs, closing the cellar door behind him, and greeted Mary. Then, according to newspaper accounts, he "enticed her into the bedroom" and apparently tried to rape her. The newspaper gave a graphic account of what followed, based on his later confession:

"The little girl made a desperate and frenzied resistance to the beast that attempted to assault her, so desperate indeed that the fiend, despairing of accomplishing his purpose, ruthlessly shed her innocent blood. . . . Her throat was cut and also her hands, where she had grasped the blood-thirsty blade. On her white young bosom are three or four knife cuts. . . ."

"Her head had been pounded, probably on the floor, til the scalp is nearly pulp and the face is black and blue from the blows rained upon it. . . . The clothing of the poor girl had been torn to shreds upon the front, and the fragments, together with buttons from the underclothing and the bow of ribbon

TIME FOR A HANGING.
30 JAN 1898

**Horrible Double Murder and Ravishment
Committed in This City.**

**Mrs. Fanny Rathburn and Her Twelve-Year-Old
Daughter Mary Killed.**

THE DAUGHTER'S FRENZIED STRUGGLE.

**Mrs. Rathburn Instantly Killed by Blow on
the Head With an Axe.**

**Evidence Points to the Stormers, of Green Bay, as the Murderers
—Some of Them Are Under Arrest—Police After Another.**

**Crime Was Committed One Week Ago and Rats Have Eaten
the Remains—Robbery a Possible Motive--Police
Are Sure They Have the Men.**

Headline from the Jan. 30, 1898, edition of the Burlington (Iowa) Hawk-Eye. The Rathbun name was misspelled Rathburn, a common error even today.

from her hair were scattered on the bed and on the floor. . . ."

"The doctors, who have made a partial examination, feel sure she died successful in the resistance made to the beastly attack on her young purity."

The day after the bodies were found, Burlington police arrested Abe Storms and several of his known companions. After refusing at first to talk, Storms finally broke down and confessed the double murder after he was taken to the morgue and forced to look at the two bodies.

He was then formally charged with murder and the prosecutor decided to try him specifically for the slaying of little Mary. Eight months later, after a long and sensational trial which attracted throngs of spectators, Storms was found guilty.

A majority of the jury wanted him hung, but three of the 12 jurors were firmly opposed to capital punishment, and refused to consider hanging. All 12 finally agreed on life imprisonment,

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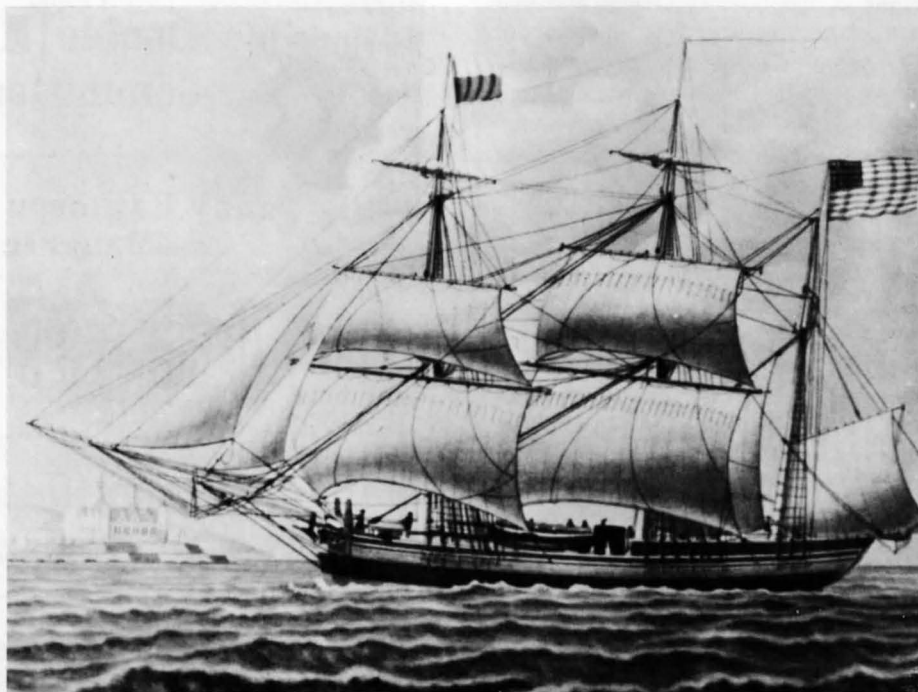
The Ship Ann and Hope: Her Cruises and Tragic End

In our last issue, we described the maritime career of Joshua Rathbun, of Providence, R.I., a former hat-maker who gave up his business, went to sea and became a successful captain. Joshua (1767-1844) was the son of Joshua⁵ Rathbun (Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). Following is the story of his five cruises between 1799 and 1806 on the ship *Ann and Hope*, a three-masted square-rigger, 98 feet long, owned by the firm of Brown and Ives in Providence. It is taken from an account published in the October 1894 issue of the *Rhode Island Historical Magazine*.

Joshua Rathbun signed onto the *Ann and Hope* at Providence, in July 1799, a few weeks after she had returned from her maiden cruise to Batavia in the East Indies. Possibly he was intrigued by stories of the little-known Far East brought back by the returning sailors. It must have sounded far more exciting than working in his hat shop.

The *Ann and Hope*, with Joshua as third officer under Captain Christopher Bentley, sailed from Providence on August 8, 1799, with a cargo of furs and rum, and chests of money to purchase goods in Canton, China, which was their destination. Canton was then the only Chinese port open to foreign trade. They reached Canton on Jan. 1, 1800, after a 22-week voyage across the Atlantic to Africa, south around the Cape of Good Hope, and then across the Indian Ocean and through the East Indies to China.

At Canton, her furs and rum were unloaded, and Captain Bentley arranged for the purchase of nearly 1,000 chests of tea — bohea, souchong, ponehong and hyson. He also bought gunpowder, sugar, spices, candy, oriental fans, chinaware, umbrellas, window blinds, and large quantities of silk and other fabrics — a cargo with a total value of \$212,000. They arrived back at



A three-masted sailing ship of the early 1800s, with rigging similar to that of the Ann and Hope, of which no known likeness has survived.

Providence on August 15, 1800, to the great delight — and profit — of the ship's owners.

Plans were immediately made for another trip and Joshua Rathbun was promoted to second officer. They sailed from Providence on December 24, 1800, headed first for London, England, with a cargo of tobacco, coffee, sugar, flour and lumber. At London, the goods were unloaded and sold, and the ship was put into drydock to have her hull sheathed with copper, a relatively new procedure which made her far more seaworthy.

She was then loaded with a new cargo of woolen fabrics, watches, glassware, cutlery and beer, and left London April 8, 1801, for the Cape of Good Hope, and on to Canton, where she arrived August 30. Two months later, she set sail for Providence, the holds filled with tea, sugar, silk,

chinaware, spices, fans and other Oriental products that would bring good prices in New England. She sailed into Providence 122 days later, on April 7, 1802.

Brown and Ives wasted no time in planning the next trip. Thomas Laing succeeded Bentley as Captain, and Joshua Rathbun was again second-in-command. Brown and Ives decided this time on a cruise to Batavia in the East Indies, with return stops in England, Holland and Russia. The *Ann and Hope* sailed on May 20, 1802, and reached Batavia on August 22, a three-month voyage. Their cargo of cloth, glassware, canvas and candles was unloaded, and replaced with coffee and sugar. They left Batavia Oct. 5, and docked at Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, on Feb. 2, 1803.

Five weeks later, they were off across the North Sea to Amsterdam,

Holland, where they unloaded their cargo, and then sailed into the Baltic Sea and docked at Kronshtadt, Russia. The holds were loaded with iron, hemp and canvas, and the Ann and Hope headed westward across the Atlantic, arriving at Providence on Sept. 19.

Joshua had only a few weeks to spend with his wife and two baby sons. He was off again on November 6, still as second officer, bound again for Batavia with brandy and candles. They were back in Providence on August 12, 1804, with a cargo of sugar and coffee.

Brown and Ives were delighted with the Ann and Hope's success, and planned still another cruise to Batavia. But their luck had run out, and it was to be the last trip for the Ann and Hope.

The ship left Providence on Nov. 8, 1804, and headed east for its first stop, at Lisbon, Portugal, carrying a cargo of wine, brandy and candles. The 22-day trip was uneventful, but in Lisbon the Ann and Hope was put under quarantine, and then held in port even longer by bad weather. She finally left Lisbon on January 1, 1805, many weeks behind schedule.

They rounded the Cape of Good Hope and reached Batavia on May 2. Working quickly to make up for the lost time, the cargo was taken off, and barrels of coffee, sugar and spices loaded into the holds. On June 9, the Ann and Hope headed for home. Twelve days at sea, in a severe gale, the ship sprung a leak, and Captain Laing put into Ile de France (now Mauritius) for repairs. Three months later, after repairs costing \$20,000, the ship was ready, and on Sept. 27, she was on her way once again.

But there were more troubles ahead. At the Cape of Good Hope, Capt. Laing was detained for 10 days by a British embargo. Winter was coming on, and he was worried. He had planned a stop in England, but now learned that British cruisers were capturing neutral vessels in England's war with France. He decided to head straight for New England, and set sail on Oct. 31.

On Jan. 10, 1806, the Ann and Hope sighted Block Island, and the weary crew knew their long trip was almost over. They had been gone 14 months, and Joshua Rathbun knew his wife must be sick with worry. His earlier trips had usually been less than a year.

About midnight, rounding the south side of Block Island, the Ann and Hope suddenly ran onto a submerged reef, and came to a shuddering halt. All efforts to get off the rocks were in vain, and the ship began to rise and fall on the ocean swell as the tide rose. Her hull was smashed over and over again on the rocks, and the ship began to disintegrate. The rudder was torn away, the main mast toppled, and water began pouring through the shattered hull.

Captain Laing and Rathbun knew the ship was lost, but could do nothing to save the cargo or even get themselves and the crew to shore. All night, the ship continued to crash up and down on the rocks, and at mid-morning the main deck broke loose from the hull. The 39 officers and crewmen scrambled onto the deck as it began floating toward shore in the pounding surf. At 11 a.m., the deck broke into two pieces, hurling four men into the icy-cold sea. Only one of them made it to shore; the other three drowned.

Rathbun and the others clung to the shattered wreckage until they were finally rescued by a band of daring Block Islanders who ventured out in small boats to bring the survivors in through the dangerous surf. On the island, they were given dry clothing and hot food, and watched the remains of their ship and cargo begin floating to shore.

Most of the ship's \$300,000 cargo was lost, the sugar dissolved in the water and most of the coffee and spice containers broken open. The islanders did retrieve a few kegs of coffee and pepper from the surf.

The accident was a financial disaster for Brown and Ives, and their partners. Not only had they lost the ship and most of its cargo, but they still owed \$20,000 for the repair work at Ile de France. The company survived the loss, however, and continued to make money in the China trade. Profits of up to 700 percent on a single cruise were not uncommon.

Members Can Help Research

Many of our members have asked how they can help in the never-ending task of compiling our family history. As examples, here is what some of our member-researchers have been doing in recent months:

Robert Rathbun of Kentucky has copied all the hundreds of Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns from the 1900 Federal Census, as listed in the "Soundex" (alphabetized index) to that census.

Fred and Shirley Rathbun of Colorado have gone through the Denver-area records of marriages, divorces, deaths, probates and land ownership to find records of our family.

Doris Stoppa of Connecticut has visited dozens of cemeteries in her area of the state, and recorded all tombstone data of those bearing our name.

Mildred Rathburn of New York has scoured libraries, courthouses and historical societies in her area of north-eastern New York to find family records.

Frank E. Rathbun of Rhode Island has visited cemeteries, libraries and

town halls in his state to seek out information on family members.

Grove and Janet Rathbun of South Dakota have checked cemeteries, old newspapers and court houses to find family records.

John Bowen of Maryland travels throughout the country in his job with the Postal Service, and uses his spare time to visit libraries wherever he goes to find family records.

Many other members watch local newspapers for mention of our name, and have contacted cousins, uncles and aunts to obtain valuable genealogical information.

These are some of the many ways any one can help. Let us know if you would like some suggestions for your area.

One of our members has found our name in the Bible! In Exodus 32:11, Revised Standard Version, is found: "But Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does thy "wrath burn" hot against thy people?'" Our thanks to Janet Rathbun.

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districts). When we were called upon for taxes to carry on the war, the division was not difficult!"

Opposed the sale of public lands without setting a minimum price of \$10 per acre. "I favor the sale of these lands, but not of giving them away . . . to speculators at \$1.50 an acre." He correctly predicted that the lands would eventually be worth many thousands of dollars.

Opposed added appropriations for the expected war with Mexico. "We have already appropriated \$10,000,000 and now this bill proposes \$12,000,000 more. It is time to become cool on this subject of the Mexican War."

On a proposed pay increase for officers of the Armed Services, he demanded a report from the Secretary of the War and the Secretary of the Navy to determine how many officers were receiving more than one government salary.

On a proposal to add more officers for the Army: "We already have some three or four or five times as many officers in the Army as we (need). Discharge (those) unfit for service; get rid of them before we add any more to their number!"

Opposed an appropriation for road and harbor construction until the national budget was balanced. The budget was already overspent, he pointed out, and new expenditures should wait until there was a surplus in the Federal Treasury.

On arguing for further discussion of a Navy appropriation bill: "I have found it always too late to correct . . . a wrong action by Congress. I am not disposed to act in haste. It takes no longer to act right than to act wrong."

On the creation of a permanent Army company of miners, sappers and pontoniers: "They are important only in time of war, but of little use in time of peace except for mining and sapping the treasury. When military forces are raised, provision should be made for disbanding them after the emergency ends, for this is the only way we can ever get rid of them."

Charged that many Federal employees were "unable, incompetent or too idle to make a living in other ways (and) come here . . . to feed and

clothe at public expense. We need men who will do the work for which they are employed and paid. Let those who are appointed remember that after reasonable terms of clerkships, they are to go home and live at their own expense and not eternally at the expense of the government."

Opposed the practice of nepotism in government, but was challenged on this point by Congressman Stephen A Douglas of Illinois (later to become famous in the Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858). Douglas charged Rathbun with "bringing a member of his own family here and palming him off on (Federal) service." Rathbun immediately explained that Douglas was referring to his son (George Oscar Rathbun, then 21), who had worked for one month in Washington. "My son is of age," Rathbun said, "and came to Washington a month before I did. He sought his own employment and was employed for only a month. If there is any sin in that, I am ready to bear my portion of it."

(Rathbun did seem to indulge in the common practice of the day — the appointment of relatives to political positions. His brother, Amos, was

Auburn's postmaster from 1845 to 1848, and his brother-in-law, Luman Sherwood, was Cayuga County district attorney from 1844 to 1846, and an inspector of Auburn Prison in 1845.) Rathbun questioned whether any person who had held a Federal job for 40 years or more was fit to stay in office, and quoted a statement made earlier: "If a man can remain in this House 10 or 15 years and remain honest, he must be a saint indeed."

Rathbun took this advice to heart. At the end of his second term in 1846, he announced that he would not seek reelection. He returned to Auburn and the practice of law. He was to hold one more public office — in 1867, he was elected a delegate to a New York State Constitutional Convention. The proposed new constitution was rejected by voters in 1869.

A year later, on January 4, 1870, George Rathbun died in Auburn at the age of 67. His wife had died four years earlier, aged 62. They had two other children in addition to George Oscar — James Edward and Caroline. Both sons married and had children, but we have not located any descendants living today.

Murders

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to avoid a hung jury. On October 29, Storms was sentenced to imprisonment for life at hard labor.

Nothing more is known of Frank Rathbun, Fanny's son and the only survivor of the tragedy-ridden family. He was taken to Burlington after the bodies were found, and allowed to visit the morgue. He later told a reporter, "I looked at my mother, but I couldn't bear to look at my sister." After a final visit to his former home, young Rathbun was escorted back to the training school.

Public anger over the crime stirred strong passions in Burlington. There were rumors of plans to break into the jail and lynch Storms, and one local newspaper carried a front-page headline, "Time for a Hanging!" Another newspaper reported that most citizens considered "hanging was too good for

the man," and added, "It would have needed little more to excite some of the men to the point where an impromptu hanging would have taken place." Extra guards were assigned to the jail and the threats never materialized.

Modern journalists and lawyers, conscious of libel laws and pre-trial prejudice, would shudder at newspaper references to Storms, even before his trial. He was called a "beast," a "fiend," and a "human butcher." A reporter who interviewed him wrote: "He has a villainous, hang-dog look . . . that betokens a low, brutal disposition. . . . It is the general appearance of a midnight assassin who would murder a defenseless woman and girl."

(Special thanks to our member, Eileen Owens, who discovered a newspaper account of the murder, and then visited Burlington to find additional information for us.)

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73. GIDEON⁶ RATHBUN (Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1806 in Norwich, N.Y., and married there Dec. 31, 1828, Charity Welch, born about 1806, daughter of _____ and Huldah Welch. He was a stone mason for many years in Pharsalia, N.Y., and in 1856 moved to Beloit, Wisc., traveling by canal boat and train. He built a stone house at 931 Fourth Street which was still standing in recent years. He was a member of the Beloit Volunteer Fire Department for many years. Gideon died at Beloit on Nov. 1, 1888. Charity died there Aug. 29, 1894.

CHILDREN

GEORGE CLINTON, born May 28, 1830; married (1) Mary Ann Bodycoat, and (2) Matilda Miller.

MARY W., born in February 1832; died Feb. 9, 1849, with "inflammation of the lungs."

CHARLES A., born June 17, 1834; married (1) Antoinette Dexter, and (2) Mary McCaffrey.

JULIA E., born March 23, 1837; married Francis W. Walker Feb. 10, 1856.

MARIA AMELIA, born Sept. 15, 1839; married George Whipple.

ELLEN, born April 25, 1841; died unmarried Feb. 4, 1936.

JEDEDIAH R., born Jan. 13 (or Dec. 14?), 1843; married Almira Holman.

MELISSA VERNETTE, born Jan. 9, 1847; died July 9, 1852.

EDWIN E., born July 26, 1849; died Oct. 2, 1863.

74. JOSEPH T.⁶ RATHBUN (Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1808 at Norwich, N.Y., and married there about 1837 Mary Sales, born about 1815, daughter of _____ and Grace Sales. They moved to nearby Pharsalia, where both were living as late as 1866, when he was a trustee of the East

Pharsalia Baptist Church and drew up plans for a church hall. Nothing else is known of them.

CHILDREN

JOSEPH B., born about 1839; died July 1, 1865.

ELI T., born about 1841; married Mary _____.

FRANCIS M., born about 1843; no further information.

?DEMENT, born about 1858; this child is listed in the 1860 census as "Dement." This could be an unusual first name, or may mean that he (or she) was demented. No further information.

75. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁶ RATHBUN (Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Jan. 16, 1810, at Norwich, N.Y., and married about 1839 Christiana Bennett, born about 1818, parentage unknown. They moved by 1850 to New York City, where Benjamin was a carpenter and reportedly built a home for John Jacob Astor. They moved some time after 1870 to Union, N.Y. Benjamin died April 28, 1889, in the County Home at Binghamton, described as "insane," but more likely a victim of what we today recognize as Alzheimer's Disease. Christiana died in 1891.

CHILDREN

WILLIAM, born about 1840; no further information.

DAVID, born about 1844; married Caroline Augusta Pryor.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, born March 8, 1846; married (1) Anna Eliza DeCamp, and (2) Elizabeth L. Mills.

76. SQUIRE⁶ RATHBUN (Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born August 14, 1812, at Norwich, N.Y., and married by 1837 Sarah Marie Haskell (or Hackett), born in April 1812, parentage unknown. They were charter members of the Basswood Free Will Baptist Church at nearby Oxford. Sarah died Oct. 5, 1893, and Squire moved in 1894 to Triangle, Broome County, where he died December 8, 1902.

CHILDREN

ABIGAIL, born about 1838; married Moses Franklin Nov. 24, 1858.

DANIEL SQUIRE, born March 24, 1842; married Helen M. Ingersoll.

FLORENCE, born about 1856; died (?) in 1863.

77. EASON J.⁶ RATHBUN (Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1823 at Norwich, N.Y., and married April 2, 1851, Jeanette Rogers, born July 20, 1834, daughter of David and Betsey (Allen) Rogers. They lived for many years in the McDonough area near Norwich, where Eason was in the local militia and served as trustee for 12 years of the East Pharsalia Baptist Church. He was listed as pastor in 1863. Jeanette apparently died in the 1890s, and Eason moved to Sandwich, Ill. He died there March 1, 1904.

CHILDREN

ENOS, born March 19, 1852; died May 16, 1857.

CHARLES, born Sept. 16, 1858; married (?) Marion Kingsley.

FLORENCE, born Sept. 22, 1860; unmarried in 1904.

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78. ALVA⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1825 in Chenango County, N.Y. (His lineage has not been confirmed). He married, date unknown, Mary (Hall) Stackhouse, possibly a second wife, born about 1825, parentage unknown. They lived at Oxford, N.Y., where Alva died in the 1870s (possibly Sept. 30, 1879), and Mary in the 1890s (possibly May 15, 1893).

CHILDREN

ELIZABETH (possibly Alva's step-daughter), born about 1847; married _____ Merry.

HENRY A., born about 1849; no further information.

MARY LOUISE, born about 1851; married Bert Jacobs.

DeETTA ELVA, born about 1855; married _____ Jacobs.

ALTON A., born Feb. 28, 1858; married (1) Eleanor Thompson, and (2) Nora Nichols.

79. DANIEL M.⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born June 21, 1827, in Chenango County, N.Y., and married Dec. 19, 1855, at Pharsalia, Mary L. Scott, birthdate and parentage unknown. She died about 1859, and he married a few years later Ellen _____, born about 1843, parentage unknown. Daniel died at Pharsalia May 4, 1885, and Ellen some time before 1900.

CHILDREN

FRANCES, born about 1857; no further information.

80. EZRA⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1836 in Chenango County, N.Y., and married about 1858 Roxy A. _____, born about 1837, parentage unknown. Roxy died Feb. 4, 1864, and he married within a few years, Eveline Garrett, born in 1835, daughter of _____ and Lucinda Garret. She died Oct. 12, 1890, at Plymouth, Chenango County. Ezra committed suicide Dec. 5, 1893,

by cutting his throat after an argument with a constable, at whom he had fired a gun after the constable tried to serve him with legal papers.

CHILD

CALPURNIA, born in 1873; no further information.

81. MOSES⁶ RATHBUN (Jonathan⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born in July 1838 at Pharsalia, N.Y., and married about 1860 Abigail Root, born in December 1836, parentage unknown. They lived near Oxford, N.Y., for many years. He died Feb. 25, 1904, at Binghamton, N.Y. Abigail moved to Sayre, Bradford County, Pa., where she was living in 1910.

CHILDREN

CHARLES H., born in January 1864; married _____.

HARVEY J., born about 1866; married (1) May L. Burton, and (2) Flora E. Smith.

82. JOSEPH⁶ RATHBUN (Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Feb. 28, 1784, probably in New York. He married early in 1802 Abigail _____, born April 11, 1784, parentage unknown. They lived for a few years at Peru, Clinton County, N.Y., and moved by 1820 to Belpre, Ohio, where Abigail probably died by 1830. Joseph later moved to Scioto County, Ohio, where he died in 1847, after "long infirmity and very poor health," according to his will.

CHILDREN

JUDITH, born Nov. 4, 1802; no further information.

HANNAH, born Feb. 10, 1805; no further information.

NATHAN, born Feb. 15, 1807; died July 28, 1808.

SON (name unknown), born June 19, 1809; died a baby.

CHILD (name unknown), born Sept. 3, 1811; died a baby.

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CHARLES, born Jan. 11, 1813; married Mary _____.

DAVID, born about 1815; married Sarah Bond.

AARON NICHOLS (or Nicholas), born May 9, 1818; married (1) **Mary** Ann (Stephens) Frost, and (2) Sarah (Burcham) Travis.

RUFUS, born Dec. 27, 1820; died Feb. 23, 1821.

KATHALINE, born July 5, 1823; died young (?).

83. EDMUND B.⁶ RATHBUN (Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born April 14, 1793, in New York, and moved with his parents as a young man to Belpre, Ohio. He moved about 1818 to Howard County, Missouri, where on Nov. 28, 1819, he married Elizabeth H. Gibbs, born about 1797, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Turner) Gibbs. He apparently lost touch with his family, for other family members reported that he was never heard from again. He later moved to Cooper County, Mo., where Elizabeth died in the 1850s. Edmund was still living there in 1860.

CHILDREN

PERRY, born about 1820; married (?) Mary _____.

SAMUEL T., born about 1823; married Martha Hinch.

MERCY, born about 1828; died in June 1850.

ELECTA MARGARET, born about 1830; married Hugh Brown on March 1, 1857.

MELINDA, born in 1834; died in July 1849.

WILLIAM, born in 1839; married (?) Amanda Millere (or McNeil).

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84. EBENEZER⁶ RATHBUN (Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born March 4, 1796, at Harpersfield, N.Y. He moved as a young man with his parents to Belpre, Ohio, and married there on **May 18, 1837**, Martha (Mattie) Hall, born Feb. 15, 1795, in Ireland, daughter of Moses and _____ Hall. They moved from Belpre to LaSalle County, Illinois, in 1842, to Peoria a few years later, and then to Burns County, Illinois, where

Ebenezer died March 29, 1874, and Martha on Oct. 5, 1878.

CHILDREN

MERCY, born in 1818; married Moses Tracy Dec. 2, 1838.

MITCHELL, born in 1820; no further information.

JANE, born in 1822; died in 1844.

ISABELLA, born in 1824; died in 1889, unmarried.

JOHN H., born Oct. 4, 1826; married Caroline C. Adams.

SIMEON, born Dec. 16, 1828; married Mary Ann Collins.

JAMES, born Nov. 28, 1830; married Mary Ann Wolfe.

SARAH, born in 1832; died in 1851.

MARY, born in 1835; no further information.

CAROLINE, born in 1837; died in 1873, unmarried.

(?) CHARLES, born about 1842; living with Ebenezer in 1850, not listed by Cooley, and possibly a grandson.

85. JOHN⁶ RATHBUN (Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Jan. 17, 1802, in New York, and moved with his parents to Belpre, Ohio, where he married June 21, 1827, Charlotte Schoonover, born about 1807, daughter of Nicholas S. and Sarah (Barlow) Schoonover. They moved to Henry County, Ill., about 1842, to Peoria by 1850, and then by 1870 to Steuben Township, Marshall County, Ill., where Charlotte died in the 1870s, and John on August 15, 1888. He was blind for 15 years before his death.

CHILDREN

ASA, born June 14, 1828; married Caroline A. Wright.

HANNAH L., born in 1830; died "insane" sometime after 1880.

SIMEON, born Dec. 26, 1832; served in the Civil War, and died unmarried Feb. 12, 1821, in Peoria.

FRANCIS MARION, born March 22, 1835; married Harriet J. Hay.

ALPHEUS LEVI, born in November 1838; married Rachel Hatfield.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, born Dec. 28, 1840; married Mary Eliza Kellar.

ALBURNA JOSEPHINE, born in 1842; married Muns Norin.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, born in October 1849; burned to death in his cradle in November 1850, aged 13 months, when fireplace sparks ignited his bedding.

86. ELISHA⁶ RATHBUN (John⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Sept. 5, 1787, in New York, and moved with his parents to Wood County, Virginia (now West Va.) as a boy. After his father's death, he was apprenticed on May 5, 1802, to a carpenter until his twenty-first birthday. He married Prudy Richardson Oct. 1, 1808, in Belpre, Ohio, and was living in Wood County in 1810, with two young sons. He is probably the Elisha Rathbone who served in the Kentucky militia during the War of 1812. Prudy apparently died by 1817, when he married Elizabeth Flora on Feb. 25, 1817, in Clermont County, Ohio. He apparently died within a few years, for Elizabeth appears alone in the 1820 census of Clermont County. Nothing else is known of him or her.

CHILDREN

TWO SONS (names unknown), born 1809-1810; no further information.

87. JOHN⁶ RATHBUN (John⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born June 15, 1794, in New York, and moved with his parents to Wood County, Virginia (now West Virginia), as a boy. After his father's death he was apprenticed, on May 5, 1802, to a weaver until his twenty-first birthday. Nothing more is known of him.

88. EDMUND⁶ RATHBUN (Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Sept. 28, 1800, at Delhi, Delaware County, N.Y., and moved with his parents to Belpre, Ohio. He married about 1832 in Richland County, Ohio, Mary Dye, born Jan. 31, 1813, daughter of Daniel and Jane (McIntyre) Dye. They moved in

1837 to Jay County, Indiana, where he purchased a 200-acre farm. After the Civil War, they moved to Missouri, first to Gentry County and then to Worth County, and in 1872 to Hendricks, Chautaugua County, Kansas. Edmund was described as a blacksmith in the 1880 census. He died at Hendricks on Jan. 2, 1882, and Mary died there Feb. 14, 1889.

CHILDREN

GIDEON, born Jan 6, 1833; married Mary Garringer.

DANIEL DYE, born Sept. 1, 1834; married Catherine Lanning.

GEORGE MARSHALL, born May 23, 1836; married Tamar Ann Garringer.

ISAAC RILEY, born Feb. 2, 1842; married Sarah A. Dye.

89. DAVID⁶ RATHBUN (Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1806, in Delhi, N.Y., and moved with his family as a baby to Belpre, Ohio. He married there April 14, 1840, Rachel Dunlap, born about 1812, parentage unknown. They moved in the 1840s to Deer Creek, Miami County, Indiana, where they were living in 1850. Nothing more is known of them. There were no known children.

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Obituaries

DIED — Sept. 18, 1986, Bryce Clair Rathbun, 73, of Bakersfield, Calif., a member of our Association. He was the son of John⁹ Rathbun (Virgil⁸ Giles⁷ James⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). He was formerly superintendent of California's Standard School District and one of the state's leading educators. (See story of his career in our October 1981 issue). He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Brown) Rathbun.

DIED — Nov. 22, 1986, Lawrance W. Rathbun, 86, of Portland, Ore. He was the son of Edward⁸ Rathbun (Oscar⁷ Aaron⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹). Mr. Rathbun, a retired forestry expert, was a member of our Association. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Dana, a member of our Association; eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

DIED — Nov. 4, 1986, Theodore F. Briggs 54, of Escoheag, R.I. He was the son of Clarence E. Briggs and Orra⁹ Rathbun (Frank⁸ James⁷ Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Survivors include his wife, Marlene; two daughters, and three stepchildren.

DIED — Nov. 15, 1986, Harriett Kaess, 78, in Yuma, Ariz. She was the wife of Reginald W. Kaess, son of George C. Kaess and Blanche⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ Alfred⁶⁻⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Surviving are three step-children, including our member, Phyllis Cuevas.

DIED — Sept. 27, 1985, Myrtle Rathbun, 95, at LaHarpe, Illinois. She was the widow of Clarence Arthur⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ Alfred⁶⁻⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Her husband died in 1959. She is survived by a daughter, Merle Patterson; a sister; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

DIED — April 24, 1986, Dr. William French Stone, 72, of Colorado Springs, Colo. He was the husband of Beverly (Brown) Stone, daughter of Dr. Charles J. Brown and granddaughter of Molly⁷ (Rathbone) Brown (Thomas⁶ Jonathan⁵ Coggeshall⁴ Abraham³ Samuel² John¹). Mrs. Stone is a member of our Association. Other survivors include four children, William, Nikki, Carol and Charles, and several grandchildren.

DIED — July 18, 1986, Ernest Ellsworth Rathbun Jr., 86, of Cranston, R.I. He was a son of Ernest⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Jeremiah⁷ Robert⁶ Samuel⁵ Roger⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). His wife, Louise (Gabriau) Rathbun died in 1980. Survivors include a son, Ernest; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Pagano and Mrs. Eva McHugh; a brother, Robert; three sisters, Emma Poland, Edna Barbour and Beatrice Benoit; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

DIED — Oct. 4, 1986, Lasca Elsie Pierce, 89, at Wickford, R.I. She was the daughter of Joseph E. Smith and Eva Abigail⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹), and widow of Raymond W. Pierce. Survivors include a son, Thomas; daughter, Mrs. Eleanor P. O'Leary; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

DIED — Nov. 4, 1986, Marilyn K. Rathbun, 61, of East Greenwich, R.I. She was the wife of Earl I.¹⁰ Rathbun (George⁹⁻⁸ Seneca⁷ John⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Robert E. Rathbun; a daughter, Diane M. Rathbun; four brothers, and three sisters.

DIED — July 28, 1986, Marilyn Jean Rathbun, 61, in San Diego, California. She was the wife of Jay H. Rathbun, a member of our Association. Jay is the son of Jay⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Demornington⁷ Sebra⁶ George⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). In addition to her husband, Mrs. Rathbun is survived by two daughters, Sandra and Debra Rathbun.

DIED — Oct. 8, 1986, Herbert Warren Rathbun, 70, of Westerly, Rhode Island, a member of our Association. He was the son of Herbert⁸ Rathbun (Warren⁷ Calvin⁶ Samuel⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹). A retired insurance executive, he had been active in Westerly civic affairs for many years. Survivors include three sons, David, a member of our Association; Laurence and Herbert Warren Jr.; four grandchildren, and three sisters, Katherine Hoxie and Nancy Steadman, both members of our Association, and Constance Rathbun.

DIED — Nov. 2, 1986, David Michael Hobbs, 36, of San Diego, Calif. He was the oldest grandson of our member, Susie Carter Baston, daughter of Arthur E. Carter and Melinda⁸ Rathbun (Hallet⁷ Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Other survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Hobbs; a sister, Cathy Powers, and a brother, John Hobbs.

DIED — July 31, 1986, Edward Rathbun Taylor, 62, at Cherry Hill, N.J. He was the son of Wilford Taylor and Marjorie⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ William⁷ Alfred⁶ Wait⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He was an attorney and served in the Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War. The only survivor is a brother, Wilford Taylor Jr.

DIED — May 18, 1986, Annie (Rathbun) Gravatt, 92, at Calvert, Maryland. She was the daughter of John⁷ Rathbun (Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹), and the widow of G. Flippo Gravatt, who died in 1969. She and her husband were the developers of Scientists Cliffs, a community of professionals in Calvert County, Md.

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DIED — Nov. 6, 1986, Mildred H. Rathbun, 80, of Thousand Oaks, Calif. She was the widow of Forrest O. Rathbun, who died last year. **He was probably the son of John⁸ Rathbun** (John⁷⁻⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). She is survived by a son, Warren A. Rathbun; a daughter, Joan H. Rathbun; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Births

BORN — Oct. 16, 1986, Brook Elizabeth Rathbun, daughter of Dennis Jay and Vicki Jo Rathbun of Byran, Ohio, and granddaughter of our members Chester W. and Lillie Rathbun. Chester is the son of Howard⁸ Rathbun (Valentine⁷ Horace⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Brook joins an older brother, Cole William Rathbun, now three.

BORN — Sept. 16, 1986, Patrick Michael Rathbun, son of Robert Michael and Carrie Rathbun of Redondo Beach, Calif., who are members of our Association. Robert is the son of the late Robert¹⁰ Rathbun (Irving⁹ Joseph⁸ Isaiah⁷⁻⁶ Ashley⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹) and Mrs. Rose Rathbun, also a member.

BORN — Nov. 26, 1986, Brittany Nicole Williams, daughter of Walter and Pamela (Robison) Williams, and granddaughter of Donna Robison, a member of our Association. Great-grandparents are Paul and Zona Rathbun, also members. Paul is the son of Fred⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

BORN — Sept. 10, 1986, Kerri Lynn Bivins, daughter of Michael and Lynnette Bivins, of Lincoln Park, Mich., and granddaughter of James Bivins and Margaret⁹ Rathbun (Frank⁸ Hugo⁷ Charles⁶ Amos⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Kerri joins an older sister, Nicole Marie, now five.

BORN — Sept. 25, 1986, Cody Ryan MacKinnon, son of Timothy and Rene MacKinnon of Dana Point, Calif., and grandson of Philip MacKinnon and Phyllis¹¹ Rathbun (Frank¹⁰ Herbert⁹ Francis⁸ Joshua⁷ Abraham⁶ Joshua⁵⁻⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

BORN — Kyle Austin Palmateer, son of Ronald and Terry Jane (Uitto) Palmateer and grandson of our member Phyllis Cuevas, granddaughter of George Kaess and Blanche⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ Alfred⁶⁻⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

BORN — Dec. 7, 1985, Casey Tucker Rathbone, son of Jeffrey Clay Rathbone and Julie Ellen (Tucker) Rathbone, and grandson of Lemuel M. and Bettye Rathbone, all of Austin, Texas. Lemuel is the son of Lemuel⁹ Rathbone (Rufus⁸ George⁷ Rufus⁶ Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Both the parents and grandparents are members of our Association.

BORN — Sept. 18, 1986, Mark Wayne Angelini, son of Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Angelini, of McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and grandson of Orlando Angelini and Anna¹⁰ Rathburn (Orson⁹ Henry⁸ Valentine⁷ John⁶ Tibbetts⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹). Both the parents and grandparents are members of our Association.

BORN — August 24, 1986, Zachary Steven Krause, son of Steven and Rebecca (Rathbun) Krause, and grandson of Rev. William and Dorothy Rathbun, of Des Moines, Iowa. Rev. Rathbun is the son of Elmer⁹ Rathbun (Marshall⁸ George⁷ Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

New Data

We have identified another probable daughter of Anderson⁶ Rathbun (Joshua⁵⁻⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), and his first wife, Hannah _____. She is Cordelia Athelstone Rathbun (or Rathbone), born June 8, 1812, in New Berlin, N.Y. She was married first to Darius Lewis, on May 19, 1831, and then after Lewis' death in 1835, she married Publius V.B. Monroe in July 1837. Cordelia died Feb. 20, 1855, in New Berlin, Wisc. She had one son by Lewis, and nine children by Monroe. Our thanks to new member Dollie Vick, a descendant.

Suzanne Rathbun, who was the star graduate of the Stonington (Conn.) High School in 1986 (July 1986 Historian), is the daughter of George¹⁰ Rathbun (Rollin⁹ Albert⁸⁻⁷ Calvin⁶ Samuel⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹). Our thanks to Doris Stoppa.

Reunions

Seventy-six descendants of Thomas I. Rathbun (1793-1866) and his brother, Gamaliel Rathbun (1798-1871), met for a family reunion Sept. 27, 1986, at Spring Valley, Minn. Ties between the two families have been renewed in the past three years, thanks to our Association, after their descendants had lost contact for nearly a century. Cousins attended from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. Among them were seven Rathbun cousins aged one year or younger. Thomas and Gamaliel were sons of Walter⁵ Rathbun (Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹).

Forty-three members of the family of the late Amos Fred Alexander Rathbun gathered Aug. 16, 1986, for a reunion at the Charlestown, R.I., home of Elwin and Ellen (Rathbun) Kenyon, members of our Association. Ellen is a daughter of Amos, who died March 31, 1986. Participants came from Connecticut, Delaware and Indiana, as well as Rhode Island. The oldest cousin present was Amos' sister, Sadie (Rathbun) Webster, 93, also a member of our Association. The youngest present was two-month-old Amanda Louise Brown, daughter of Guy Brown and Karen Rathbun, and a granddaughter of Amos' son, Charles. Amos was a son of Charles⁸ Rathbun (Amos⁷ Newman⁶ Jonathan⁵ John⁴⁻¹).

Two elderly Rathbun cousins met last August for the first time since they were teen-agers nearly 60 years ago. It all began when two of our members — Ethel (Rathbun) Pfost, 85, and Russell Rathbun, 70 — met at a "mini-reunion" of Denver-area cousins. Comparing notes, they found that Ethel's father, George, and Russell's father, Clark, were first cousins, grandchildren of John⁶ Rathbun (Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Ethel mentioned a cousin, David Rathbun, whom she had not seen since 1918, when she was 17. "That's my Uncle David," said Russell. "He is still living." A few weeks later, Russell took Ethel to Fort Smith, Ark., where David Rathbun, now 86, is living. The two exchanged reminiscences of the past 60 years.

People

JEFFREY W. RATHBUN and Ruth Ann Kraus were married June 8, 1986, in Baltimore, Md. Jeffrey is the son of Kenneth¹⁰ Rathbun (Kenneth⁹ Courtland⁸ Rowland⁷ Joshua⁶ Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

DONALD J. RATHBUN and Lucille Ann (Moska) Lepore were married August 17, 1986, in Coventry, R.I. Donald is the son of Elmer⁹ Rathbun (Frank⁸ James⁷ Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

JACK AND WINIFRED (RATHBURN) Dougherty of Logan, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 21, 1986. Winifred is the daughter of Pearl Samuel⁹ Rathburn (Julius⁸ Sereno⁷ Elijah⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹). The Doughertys, members of our Association, have two sons, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

HARLAN E. RATHBUN of Denver, Colo., retired in 1986 after forty years in private practice as an architect. He is a member of our Association and the son of George⁸ Rathbun (George⁷ Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

BARBARA BULMER of Kirkland, Wash., reports two grandsons born in 1986 — Kurt James Bulmer, born June 14, son of Steven and Nancy, and Andrew Joseph Bulmer, born Jan. 2, son of Ronald and Barbara. Barbara is the daughter of Lester Meisner and Pearl⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ Byron⁷ James⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

WILLIAM RATHBUN, police captain in Coventry, R.I., has been cited for "bravery and professionalism" for his role in the capture on September 7, 1986, of a convicted murderer who had escaped from a state prison three days earlier. Rathbun led a six-man crew which captured the escaped killer. He is a member of our Association, and the son of Walter⁹ Rathbun (William⁸ John⁷ Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

Our New Members

Evelyn Abernethy-Hansen
Mendocino, Calif.

Iline Alcalá
Casper, Wyo.

John R. Anders
Hillsboro, N.H.

Ricky J. Anders
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Robert Collett
Houston, Texas

Scott Espy
Seattle, Wash.

Eileen French-Byrne
Ridgeville, Ontario

John S. Haack
Maple Lake, Minn.

Ruth Hatzenbuehler
New Berlin, N.Y.

Elmer Martin
Phillips, Wisc.

Lila Mihm
Simpson, Kansas

Jean Petersen
Soquel, Calif.

Thomas Pirotte
Wichita, Kansas

Lt. Col. Daniel Rathbun
Cairo, Egypt

Eugene P. Rathbun
Lansing, Mich.

Harold W. Rathbun
Dunedin, Fla.

Harry Rathbun
Seattle, Wash.

Jack W. Rathbun
Lomita, Calif.

James Rathbun
Rockford, Minn.

Jay H. Rathbun
San Diego, Calif.

LaVerne E. Rathbun
Weiser, Okla.

Merle L. Rathbun
Ellsworth, Kansas

Nancy Rathbun Scott
Alexandria, Va.

Dollie Vick
Hampton, Va.

Mary E. Vincent
Barneveld, N.Y.

Betty Lou Winterland
Guthrie, Okla.

MAX RATHBUN and Kathy Sullivan Prorok were married Oct. 18, 1986, at Chippewa Falls, Wisc. Max is the son of our members Gathern and Leah (Coleman) Rathbun. Gathern is the son of George⁸ Rathbun (Jonathan⁷ Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

ROBERT R. RATHBUN and Louise C. Sweeney were married Oct. 27, 1986, in Florida. Robert, a member of our Association, is the son of Robert⁸ Rathbun (Clarence⁷ Guy⁶ Amiziah⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

DUANE AND BETTY BONAWITZ of Groton, N.Y., report three additions to their family. Twin sons, Eric Douglas and Adam Matthew, were born June 12, 1986, to their son Douglas, and his wife, Diane. Their daughter Sharon Kay was married Aug. 26, 1986, to Paul L. Holl. Duane has double Rathbun ancestry — being descended from Charity⁶ Rathbun (Paris⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), and from Paris' wife, Elizabeth⁵ Rathbun (Thomas⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).