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Letter from the Editor

As I write this in late September, we have just reached our long-sought goal of 500 members! It has taken us seven years, but it represents a real milestone in our Association's history.

Our 500th member is Charles H. Boardman of Cocoa Beach, Florida, a great-great-great-grandson of Martha Rathbun (1793-1844), daughter of Joseph Avery⁵ Rathbun (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

The bad news is — dues are due again! This is the last Historian of 1987, and in January we will begin our eighth year. In past years, we have usually lost some 10 percent of our members at dues time. Please, don't let that happen this year.

A renewal form is enclosed with this issue. Sit down right now and make out your check for \$15 to the Rathbun Family Association, and get it in the mail! The deadline will be December 12. At that time, we will have to drop from our mailing list all those who haven't paid. It costs \$2 (and a lot of my time) to remove a name, and then put it back on the list, so we will again have to charge \$17 for those who miss the deadline.

This issue has stories and pictures of our English "Roots" trip in May and June, and of our third National Family Reunion at Rapid City, S.D., in August. Each was a great success.

I want to give special thanks to those who helped on the reunion. First and foremost, my wife, Hazel, who did 99 percent of the work. And also John Bowen, Janet and Grove Rathbun, Terry Rathbun and K. Haybron Adams.

John did his usual wonderful job on the slide show. Janet and Grove suggested Rapid City as the site, and took us on a fascinating tour of the area, including "Bear Country" and the spectacular Spearfish Canyon. Terry met Hazel and me at the airport, gave us a nighttime tour of the city, and arranged for his band to play at our reception. Haybron again conducted a most interesting and instructive seminar on family history.

My thanks also to Warren Rathbun, who presented me with a beautifully hand-carved cane, with my name and ancestry. It is a unique and thoughtful gift.

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And thanks to Russ Rathbun, who encouraged many of his cousins to attend, resulting in 30 representatives of his branch of the family at the reunion, and several new members.

Many have asked about the next reunion, which would be in 1989 if we follow our every-other-year precedent. One suggestion is California, and a possible tie-in with the famous Gold Rush of 1849. Others feel we should return to the East Coast, possibly Block Island again, or perhaps Rhode Island or Connecticut, from where we could make a one-day trip to Block Island. Other suggestions have been Denver, Independence, Mo., Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and Washington, D.C.

We have at least a year to decide, so think it over and send us your ideas and suggestions. Remember, wherever it is held, we must have some active members "on the scene" to help with the planning and detail work.

The Historian indexes for 1985 and 1986 have been completed and will be sent with the January Historian to all who are members at that time.

Our member, Richard "Bud" Parfitt, has been working diligently on our campaign to have a postal stamp issued in honor of Captain John Peck Rathbun. We'll have an update on this project in the next issue.

We have just received news as we go to press that Harry J. Rathbun, 93, died September 28 at his home in Palo Alto, California. Details in next issue. A story on his life appeared in our April 1984 issue.

We are planning a story, with pictures, on Rathbun twins. If you have twins in your family, please let us know, and send us pictures — good, clear, close-up pictures are preferred. We will reimburse you for copying costs.

By the time you read this, the holiday season will be almost upon us. So let me take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas, and a happy, rewarding 1988.

And a final reminder — please write your 1988 dues check for \$15 and mail it to us right away. It will make things a lot easier for me.

Frank

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Rapid City Reunion Attracts 160 Cousins from 27 States

Our third National Family Reunion August 19-23 in Rapid City, S.D., was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by the 160 cousins from 27 states who attended.

A warm feeling of family companionship was evident as we greeted old friends and met new ones during a five-day program which included a variety of activities.

It all began with registration and a get-acquainted reception on the evening of Wednesday, August 19, with background music provided by Terry Rathbun's "In the Mood" band.

On Thursday, we toured the Black Hills by bus, enjoying the spectacular scenery, the majestic Mount Rushmore Memorial, the under-construction Crazy Horse Monument and occasional glimpses of wildlife — buffalo, deer, antelope, donkeys, wild goats and even a porcupine.

Friday we spent at our headquarters motel, the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, beginning with our traditional display of family heirlooms in the morning. Many cousins had brought a variety of family items — old pictures and letters, bibles with family records, samplers and other interesting memorabilia.

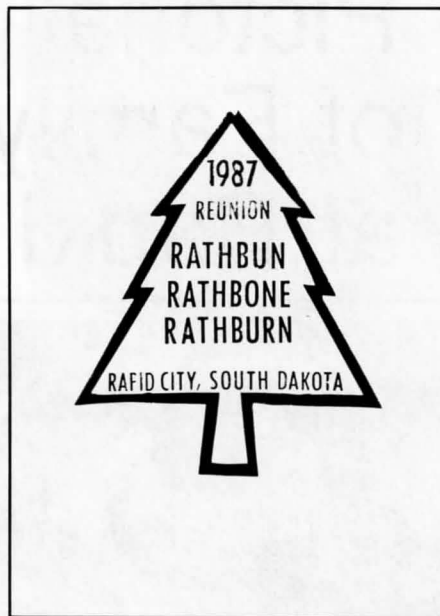
After a break for lunch, we gathered for an afternoon genealogical seminar conducted by Professor K. Haybron Adams, genealogical librarian at Brigham Young University. Professor Adams outlined the basic steps in compiling a family history and explained how to solve some of the common problems encountered by beginning researchers.

In the evening, we met for dinner and the reunion's official program, opened by Rev. William Rathbun with an invocation. After eating, Association President Frank Rathbun introduced the head table — his wife, Hazel Rathbun, the chief planner and organizer of the reunion; Janet and Grove Rathbun of Rapid City, who suggested Rapid City as the reunion site; Terry Rathbun, also of Rapid City, whose band played at the

reception and who helped Hazel with local arrangements, and Professor Adams.

President Frank also recognized 15 cousins who, in addition to himself and Hazel, had attended all three national reunions — Block Island in 1983, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1985, and Rapid City in 1987. Each was presented with a set of miniature state spoons from Rhode Island, Iowa and South Dakota.

The 15 were Lois McEachern and her daughter, Winfred Brown, of Houston, Texas; LaPrelle and Bob Weatherford, of Phoenix, Arizona; Rev. Bill and Dorothy Rathbun of Des Moines; Edison



and Polly Rathbone of Auburn, Washington; Ellen and Elwyn Kenyon of Charlestown, R.I.; John Bowen, of Silver Spring, Maryland; Jim Rathbun of San Diego, California, and Jack Rathbun of Lansing, Michigan, and his daughters, Carol Colbry and Jacki Furgala.

Also introduced were 13 cousins who, with Frank and Hazel, participated in the Family Roots trip to England in May and June — Dr. Earl and Gayle Antes, Grove and Janet Rathbun, Ellen and Elwyn Kenyon, LaVerne and Marge Rathbun,

John Bowen, Helen and Lauren Landis and Anna and Orlando Angelini.

President Frank then related some reunion statistics. The 160 persons attending represented 27 states, with the largest delegation — more than 20 — from California. Nebraska was second with 13, and South Dakota third with 10.

Frank also broke the group down by descent from the sons of our immigrant ancestors, John and Margaret Rathbun. About 80 cousins, half the total, were descended from John Rathbun Jr., the eldest son. Descendants of Thomas and Joseph Rathbun totaled about 33 each. There were eight descendants of William Rathbun, but none who were descended from Samuel Rathbun, the youngest son.

"In fairness," Frank pointed out, "I should add that John Jr. through his six sons has more descendants than any of his brothers."

One of the largest delegations, some 30 cousins, were all descended from Alfred Rathbun (1792-1845) and his wife, Laura Brown. Alfred was an early pioneer of Missouri and his descendants today are scattered throughout the west. He was the son of Job⁴ Rathbun (Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). The big turnout was due in large part to Russell Rathbun, who contacted many of his cousins and urged them to attend.

A rousing round of "Happy Birthday" was sung to Lois (Rathbone) McEachern, the oldest cousin attending, who had celebrated her 95th birthday on July 18. It was a continuing tradition. Reunion attendees had sung happy 91st birthday to Lois on Block Island in 1983, and happy 93rd birthday in Des Moines in 1985.

A new tradition was begun when Dr. Earl Antes read a poem which he had written especially for the reunion (it is reproduced at the end of this story).

We also recognized the birthday of Edison Rathbone, who was born 76 years ago that day.

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Lois (Rathbone) McEachern, 95, the oldest cousin at the reunion.



Emily Anna Rathbun, aged two, the youngest cousin at the reunion.



John Bowen, named as the Association's "Most Valuable Member."



Jean Whittington, traveled farthest to the reunion — 1870 miles.

Pictorial Highlights of Family Reunion at Rapid City, S.D.



Professor K. Haybron Adams as he conducted the genealogical seminar.



The 30 cousins at the reunion who were descended from Alfred and Laura (Brown) Rathbun — Russell and Norman Rathbun, Hazel Jones, Delmont and Avanelle (Rathbun) Jones, Elbert and Neda Zimmerschied, Robert and Janet Rathbun, Warren and Syble Rathbun, Howard and Hooter (Rathbun) Colborn, Helen (Rathbun) Milltimore, Willard and Jean Rathbun, Donald Rathbun, Duane Rathbun, Myrtle Rathbun, Henry and Shirley Rathbun, Leonard and Virginia Rathbun, Gladys Saine and granddaughter, Lloyd and Kay Rathbun, Roger and Crystal Rathbun and son. (Picture by Russell Rathbun).



Norman and Margaret (Rathbun) Lamb, longest-married couple — 54 years.



Bob and LaPrelle (Rathbone) Weatherford, married 52 years.



Roy and Anna May Rathbun, married 50 years.



Our tour bus emerges from a narrow cut through a rock formation in the Black Hills. The driver had about two inches of clearance on each side.



Jack Rathbun, who had the most children at the reunion — from left, his daughters Carol Colbry, Jennifer Rathbun, Jacki Furgala.



The majestic stone faces on Mount Rushmore.

Visit to Old Farnworth Chapel Highlight of English 'Roots' Trip

On May 25, an excited group of 37 cousins flew to Heathrow Airport, London, landing early May 26 to begin a 10-day "Family Roots Tour," which proved successful beyond all our expectations.

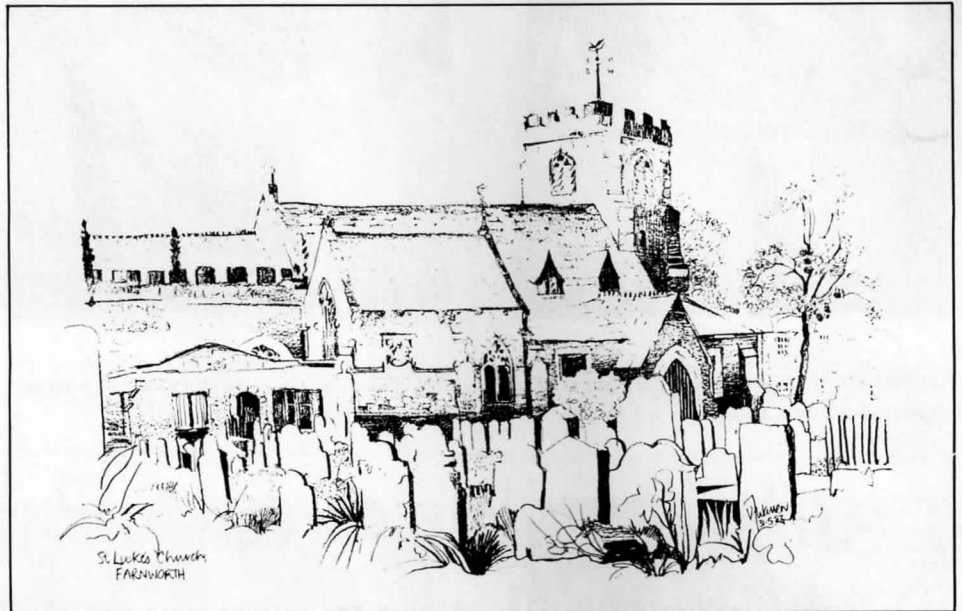
Some of the group took a tour of Windsor Castle that first day, while others spent the afternoon napping or resting to overcome "jet lag." In the evening, we all attended a get-acquainted dinner and program planned by Family Society Tours, which organized the trip, for us and members of two other family associations — the Underwoods and Curtises.

On Wednesday morning, May 27, we boarded our tour bus and set off for the home of William Rathbone IX at Charlbury, near Oxford. Mr. Rathbone, a tall, distinguished gentleman of 81, greeted us warmly and escorted us in groups through his fascinating home, named Green Bank in honor of his ancestors' family estate in Liverpool.

Rathbone family portraits were hung throughout the house, along with several marvelous watercolors by the noted artist John Singer Sargent (1856-1925), some autographed by Sargent to William Rathbone VII, Mr. Rathbone's grandfather.

At noon, we all trooped down to the local pub, the White Hart, where we were Mr. Rathbone's guests for a sumptuous English-style lunch.

After a pleasant meal and visit, we bade farewell to Mr. Rathbone and boarded our bus for nearby Shipton-on-Charwell, site of an ancient chapel and stone manor house owned by a Rathbone family in the 1500s and 1600s. A wall plaque marks the grave of John Rathbone, who died in 1613, the last Rathbone to own the manor. We spent an hour exploring the church, graveyard and English gardens, but could not go into the manor house, now a recording studio. Sensitive electronic equipment in the building would have been jarred by such a large group walking through.



A view of Farnworth Chapel sketched by our tour guide, Valerie Warren, while we attended services inside.

Then on to Stratford, home of William Shakespeare, where we had dinner and some of us attended a presentation of "Julius Caesar" at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. We spent the night at the picturesque Swans Nest Hotel.

The next morning, Thursday, after a tour of Stratford, we were off to the medieval city of Chester, with a stop on the way at Coventry, where we visited the ruins of the city's ancient cathedral, shattered by German bombs in World War II, and an adjacent new cathedral built after the war.

At Chester, we checked in at the Queen Hotel, and had a quick look around the city before dinner and bed. Friday morning, we were bussed out to nearby Beeston Castle, built in the Thirteenth Century, where Kenrick Rathbone, an early cousin, served as a bowman in the castle garrison in 1312. The castle ruins are atop a 300-foot hill, which most of us climbed, including 81-year-old Imogene Hodges, to our great surprise and admiration.

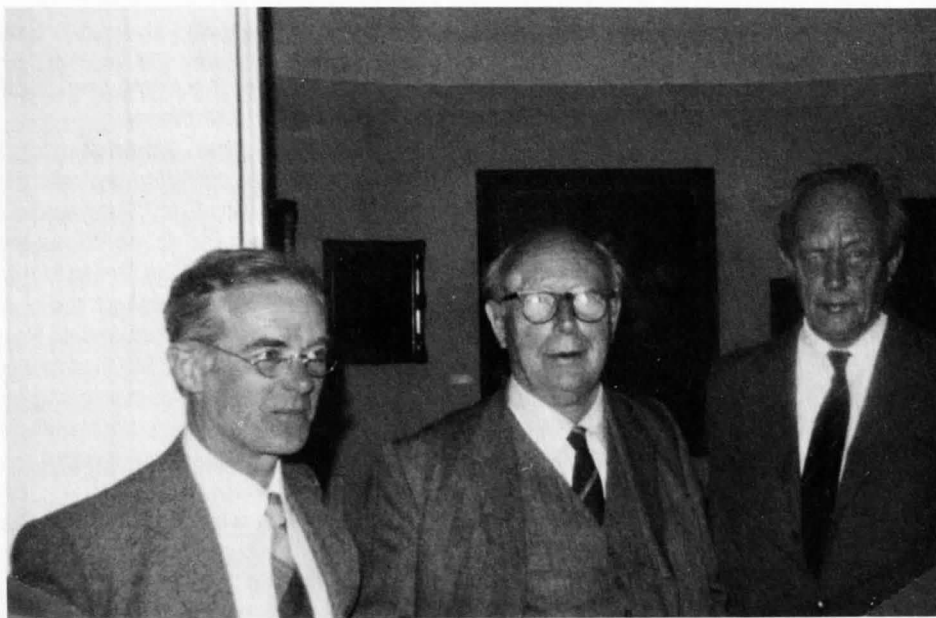
We returned to Chester by mid-day for an afternoon of exploring and shopping in the city's wonderful antique shops. In early evening, we boarded our bus again for a trip to nearby Wales and the home of Sebastian Rathbone, head of the present-day Rathbone Brothers Ltd., and a cousin of William Rathbone IX. Founded about 1730 by the second William Rathbone as a sawmill operation, the company later developed into a world-wide shipping business, but today is a banking and investment firm.

Sebastian Rathbone and his charming wife, Sue, were our hosts for an informal dinner in their beautiful country home, nestled in the Clywd (pronounced Clewd) Mountains.

We rode back to Chester in a gay mood, and after a good night's sleep, we set off the next morning for Liverpool, where we met Sebastian Rathbone again, along with several of his cousins — Larry, Pat and Jonathan Rathbone — at the Rathbone Brothers' offices on the Mersey Riverfront. We spent several



William Rathbone IX, aged 81, who greeted us at his home near Oxford and treated us to lunch at the local pub.



Sebastian, Larry and Pat Rathbone — our hosts in Liverpool.

hours in the company's offices, inspecting family portraits and other items of interest.

Then, back to the bus for a tour of the city conducted by Pat Rathbone, including stops at two Nineteenth Century statues honoring his ancestors — the fifth and sixth William Rathbones — and a trip through the Art Gallery of the University of Liverpool, where dozens of Rathbone family items are on display. Of special interest was a sterling silver candelabra, two and a half feet tall, which was presented to William Rathbone V in 1836 for his civic activities. It was donated to the gallery by William Rathbone IX.

Also on display was the famous Audubon painting "A Robin Perched on a Mossy Stone," painted at the Rathbones' Green Bank estate in 1826 and dedicated to Hannah Mary Rathbone, daughter of William Rathbone IV, for whom Audubon had a strong but unrequited passion.

Our final stop was Green Bank, a stately home originally occupied by the fourth William Rathbone in 1788 and which was the family seat for five generations of Rathbones. It was given by the family in the 1940s to the University of Liverpool, which was founded by the Rathbones. It now serves as a clubhouse and meeting place for faculty members.

At Green Bank, we were joined for lunch by the four Rathbone cousins — Sebastian, Larry, Pat and Jonathan, and their wives, and Pat's daughter. Larry is president of the University Council and was formerly treasurer of the University.

That evening, we broke into two groups for dinner — one group went to Park Lodge, the home of Larry and Elizabeth Rathbone, and the other to Tree Tops, home of Pat and Patricia Rathbone.

We spent Saturday night at Liverpool's Britannia Adelphi Hotel, which had just hosted the famous (or infamous) "Beastie Boys." On Sunday morning, we arose early and boarded our bus for the highlight of our trip — a visit to Farnworth Chapel, where our immigrant ancestor, John Rathbone/bun was baptized in 1629 and where his ancestors had worshipped for several generations.

We were greeted by the vicar, Rev. John Higham, and joined him and his congregation for morning services. Three of our members — Keith Rathbone of California, Frank Rathbun of Nebraska and Lauren Landis of Ohio — participated in the service with assigned readings.

After the services, we separated by couples to join various church members for lunch in their homes. Then back to

the bus for a tour of the area by Alan Foster, the town historian. We visited the old Prescott Church, where our ancestress Margaret Acres was baptized in 1633. The baptismal font used at that time is still in the church.

We also drove to Ditton Township and the little town of Hough Green, where our ancestor, Thomas Rathbone (father of John), was a shoemaker more than three centuries ago. Mr. Foster pointed out several homes which were standing when John and Margaret left the area for America about 1654. We drove for several miles on the old Liverpool Road, which they must have traveled — by foot or carriage — when they went to Liverpool to embark for America.

Then back to the Farnworth Chapel, where Mr. Foster presented a slide show on the area's history, and gave us a detailed tour of the church. The font in which John Rathbone was baptized is still there, one of the few items surviving from that era. We also wandered through the graveyard, where John's parents and grandparents are buried, although their markers have long ago disappeared.

Mr. Foster then took us to his home for afternoon tea, prepared by his wife, Joan. They presented each couple with a bottle of home-made elderberry wine.

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In the evening, we attended even-song services in the chapel, and then strolled over to the local school for a dinner and program put on by the church members. The eventful day came to an end as we held hands with one another and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Speaking for the group, Association President Frank Rathbun thanked the church members for a memorable day: "It has been over 320 years since John and Margaret Rathbone left here for America," he noted. "After our visit today, I kind of wonder why they ever left. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking us into your hearts, and into your church and your homes."

The evening ended with embraces, warm handshakes and a few kisses, and there were few dry eyes as we boarded the bus for our return to Liverpool.

The next morning, Monday, we headed back for London, with short stops at the old Roman city of Bath, and the impressive monoliths at Stonehenge. We reached London, tired but

happy, in time to check into the Clifton Ford Hotel for a late dinner.

Tuesday had been scheduled for a tour of the Houses of Parliament with the Hon. John Ransom "Tim" Rathbone, a nephew of William Rathbone IX, but the plans were cancelled after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called national elections for June. The Houses of Parliament were closed, and Mr. Rathbone, a conservative, was off campaigning for reelection. We later learned that he was reelected by a comfortable margin, as was Mrs. Thatcher.

Instead, we had a bus tour of the city, with stops at major tourist attractions and an authentic "pub lunch."

Wednesday, the final day of our visit, we spent exploring London and looking for bargains in the city's shops.

In the evening, we were bussed out to Hatfield Palace for a fun-filled "Elizabethan Banquet." We were among several hundred guests in the palace's "Great Hall," seated at long tables beneath high, timbered ceilings, leaded glass windows and colorful wall hangings.

Buxom "wenches" kept our plates and goblets filled during a six-course banquet, while court jesters, jugglers, dancers and a regal "Queen Bess" kept us entertained.

A special treat for our group came when the queen announced the selection of "Knight of the Bedchamber." It was our Association President Frank who was chosen to be knighted with a tap of the royal sword. He then proved the Rathbun mettle by "finding" the garter on an especially attractive "wench," as the audience enthusiastically cheered him on. Sir Frank was thereupon named an honorary "Knight of the Garter."

On our trip back to London, warm with memories and with good wine, we delighted our bus driver with group singing of "God Bless America" and a dozen other favorites. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and a fitting climax to a wonderful 10 days.

(See list of participants on page 58).



Some of our tour group in front of Green Bank, the old Rathbone manor house at Liverpool.

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The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a slide show by John Bowen on the reunion theme — "Settlement of the Far West." John had compiled a fascinating collection of slides dealing with migration routes in the 1850-1900 period, the homes of western pioneers, family lives, occupations and methods of travel, along with numerous pictures of early Rathbun, Rathbone and Rathburn pioneers in the West.

The evening's program ended with presentations of awards to:

The oldest cousin present — Lois (Rathbone) McEachern, at 95.

The youngest cousin present — Emily Anna Rathbun, aged two, the daughter of Terry and Julie Rathbun.

The longest-married couple present — Norman and Margaret (Rathbun)

Lamb, 54 years. (Runners-up — Bob and LaPrelle (Rathbone) Weatherford, 52 years, and Roy and Anna May Rathbun, 50 years).

Most children present — Jack Rathbun, with three of his daughters, Carol Colbry, Jacki Furgala and Jennifer Rathbun.

Longest distance traveled to the reunion — Mrs. Jean Whittington of Gainesville, Florida, 1870 miles. (Runners-up — Orlando and Anna (Rathburn) Angelini of Somerset, Mass., 1830 miles.

President Frank also paid special tribute to John Bowen, naming him as the Association's "Most Valuable Member." John has been to all three reunions and presented slide shows at the last two; participated in the English trip; has served as unofficial and unpaid photographer for the Association; is working on computerization of our family records,

and has spent countless hours researching for President Frank in libraries throughout the country.

"I want to also thank you personally," Frank told John, "for all your enthusiasm, help and support for me and Hazel in all our Association's activities."

On Saturday, we boarded busses again for a day-long tour of the hauntingly beautiful Badlands area, with frequent stops along the way to enjoy the scenery, and lunch at the famous "Wall Drug Store."

Nearly 60 cousins stayed over in Rapid City until Sunday, night, when we were bussed to nearby Spearfish to see the impressive outdoor Passion Play, which has been presented there each summer for the past 50 years.

One of the hits of the reunion was our "1987 Reunion" T-shirts, imprinted with the logo which appears on the front cover of this Historian.

The "official" poem of our 1987 national reunion, written by Dr. Earl H. Antes.

Ah yes, of Rathbun, Rathburn, Rathbone let us sing
To all of us it will always bring
Fond thoughts of ancestors of yore
When these brave adventurers first came ashore.

Over the sea in a little sailing boat
They fearlessly traveled the great watery moat
To seek religious freedom on a new grassy glade
Maybe to escape the onerous burdens of debts unpaid.

To create a new life from old English sources
To confront many uncertain and untried forces
Block Island was chosen by a strong stalwart crew
Melding a heady mixture of old ideas and new.

By diligence, sweat plus sheer luck and vision
The Rathbuns faced many vexing and difficult conditions
To grow and teach their young with conviction
Their wisdom was flavored with Anglican traditions.

Our small family gradually prospered and grew
Although their vicissitudes and travails were more than a few
Slowly the tightly knitted group learned to cope
With strange vistas that required both courage and hope.

So, not long after the first generation
They gradually spread over the rest of the nation
Slowly at first, when opportunities were few
Then, more quickly, when more situations came into view.

To Rhode Island and Connecticut the brave band
First traveled in freedom, living off the land

The dangers numerous and doubts were many
But the pioneer Rathbuns were resourceful and steady.

As they thrived through all the vicissitudes
They developed fine skills and newer attitudes
They helped to mold America with its wonderful places
Aye, within it were many well known Rathbun faces.

Certainly some Rathbuns may have been scamps
And a few may have even been tramps
But through each winter, spring, summer and fall
Most became proud citizens, standing strong and tall.

You and I must be inspired by our heritage
As we glean old records of many an age
Turning over dusty crumbling leaves with faded print
Trying to establish a relative by each little hint.

"Aha, look here at this moldering page"
For the stories of the Rathbuns are really a rage
We look in libraries, cemeteries and court houses
To learn the deeds of our forefathers and spouses.

We may encounter feelings nearly sublime
As we happily meet from time to time
To greet our many cousins — yes with kissing!
And talk about others who unhappily are missing.

It seems that this little rhyme is nearly overdue
So, for all of us Rathbuns, tried and true,
Let us carry on in unparalleled stages
The Rathbun heritage through all the ages.

English Trip Participants

Participants in the English trip were Betty Angelini, Orlando and Anna (Rathburn) Angelini, John and Mary Ann Bowen, Dr. Earl and Gayle Antes, Rhoda Durkan, Imogene Hodges, Phara (Rathburn) Holdredge and her son, Darrell; Elwyn and Ellen (Rathburn) Kenyon, Helen and Lauren Landis, Eloise (Rathburn) Lewis, Bettye Rathbone, Darrell and Leyta Rathburn, Frank and Dorothy Rathburn, Frank and Hazel Rathburn, Fred and Shirley Rathburn, G. Rex and Sheila Rathburn, Grove and Janet Rathburn, Helen M. Rathburn, Keith and Joyce Rathbone, LaVerne and Marjorie Rathburn, and LaVerne and Carolyn Rathburn and their daughter, Holly Jill Rathburn. Three others who had planned to join the trip had to cancel at the last minute due to health problems — Lucy Donahue and Howard and Hooter (Rathburn) Colborn.

Our English bus tour, arranged by Jim Bolles of Family Society Tours, was made even more enjoyable by an excellent tour guide, Valerie Warren, and a most capable bus driver, Peter Taylor. Mrs. Warren, an artist and university professor, had a vast knowledge of English history, geography and architecture, and a warm, engaging personality. By unanimous consent, they were both voted lifetime honorary members in the Rathburn Family Association, meaning, as President Frank told them, that they can call upon any Rathburn, Rathbone or Rathburn they ever meet to buy them a drink.

An Old Document

Clair Cornell has sent us a copy of an "Oath of Fidelity to the State of Connecticut," signed Sept. 16, 1777, by nearly 100 residents of Colchester, Conn., including two Rathbuns — Joshua Rathburn Jr., son of Joshua⁴ Rathburn (Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), and Job Rathburn, son of Benjamin³ Rathburn (Joseph² John¹). Clair found the document while researching Colchester records.

Dr. Rathburn In the News

Dr. Katharine Cady Rathburn of San Antonio, Texas, has been in the news during the past few months. She first made headlines when, as Director of Public Health, she recommended a city ordinance to forbid ownership of two types of dogs — Pit Bull Terriers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers. The action came after several persons were attacked by these dogs.

Pit Bulls have killed six Americans this year, and seven in 1986. Dr. Rathburn commented: "Owners try to tell us that Pit Bulls are nice sweet dogs to have around. Tell that to the parents of the four-year-old boy who was killed here recently. These dogs are bred to kill." Dog owners strongly opposed the ordinance, and we have not learned whether it was adopted.

Dr. Rathburn resigned as health director in August, a month before she had planned to leave, in protest against the city's lack of planning for the September visit of Pope John Paul II. With an estimated half-million persons expected to attend a Papal mass in San Antonio, Dr. Rathburn said that due to lack of adequate water and proper facilities, many persons could die in the heat and huge crowd.

Several hundred persons were treated for heat stroke and exhaustion during the Papal visit, but there were no deaths.

Dr. Rathburn, 37, is the daughter of Leslie¹⁰ Rathburn (Leslie⁹ Charles⁸ Elliot⁷ Benjamin⁶ Joseph⁵ Samuel⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹).

Reunion Planned

An annual reunion of Rathbuns living in the Denver, Colorado, area, is being planned for next July by Henry M. and Shirley Rathburn of Aurora, Colo. Anyone interested in participating should contact Henry or Shirley at 2348 Nome, Aurora, Colo. 80010, or call them at 303/361-9983. Henry is the son of James⁸ Rathburn (William⁷ John⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

Marriage Lasts Only Few Hours

Probably the shortest marriage on record for a member of our family was that of Roland B. Rathbone (1885-1959) who was married Aug. 20, 1904, in Binghamton, N.Y., to Elizabeth Segler. He was only 19 and she was a year or two younger. Her parents opposed the marriage and wired his father with their objections.

The father, Robert⁷ Rathbone (Robert⁶ Aaron⁵ John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), of New York City, left for Binghamton immediately, and arrived just after the ceremony. He took his son back to New York, and had the marriage annulled.

Two Rathburn girls and a young Rathburn man also had short, but more tragic, marriages.

Alice M. Rathburn (1871-1892) was married July 20, 1892, in Hopkinton, R.I., to Walter Kenyon. On August 12, after returning from their honeymoon trip, she fell ill and died five days later, two months before her 21st birthday after a marriage of only three weeks. Alice was the daughter of Rowland⁷ Rathburn (Joshua⁶ Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

Her nephew, Clarence C. Rathburn, aged 22, was married Jan. 25, 1926, at Richmond, R.I., to Harriet Louise Kinnecomb. He fell ill with pneumonia a week after the marriage and died Feb. 15, 1926, less than three weeks after their marriage. He was the son of Courtland B.M. Rathburn, Alice's brother.

Sarah E. Rathburn, aged 17, was married June 8, 1889, at Fort Ann, N.Y., to Larry Gatlin. He was drowned five months later, Nov. 25, 1889, in Lake George, and she was left a widow two weeks after her 18th birthday. Sarah was the daughter of Samuel⁷ Rathburn (Elijah⁶ Samuel⁵ Anthony⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

A Rathburn Flea!

The mole crab, or sand flea, which lives in the beach sands of Baja, California, is officially known as "Emerita rathbunae," obviously named for a member of our family. Does anyone know who?

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112. ACORS⁶ RATHBUN (Joshua⁵⁻⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹), born Jan. 25, 1772, in Stonington, Conn. He married Feb. 12, 1794, Sarah Peckham, born Nov. 28, 1777, daughter of William and Mercy (Perry) Peckham. They were staunch Quakers. Acors was a hatter for a few years in Providence, R.I., but in the winter of 1802 took his wife and four young children to Oneida County, N.Y., where his brother Benjamin had pioneered a few years earlier. Acors was the founder of a town originally called Rathbunville, now known as Verona Mills. He died there Sept. 15, 1855, and Sarah on May 22, 1859.

CHILDREN

JOSHUA, born Nov. 25, 1794; died Jan. 23, 1795.

WILLIAM, born Feb. 18, 1796; married Bathsheba Pound.

SARAH ANN, born Nov. 11, 1797; married Daniel Morey Nov. 9, 1820.

SOLOMON, born June 30, 1799; married Hannah Quimby.

WELLS, born Feb. 2, 1801; married Amy Otis.

PECKHAM, born Jan. 15, 1802; married (1) Nancy Allen, and (2) Mary Howland.

JOSHUA, born Oct. 7, 1803; married (1) Sarah Coehaven, and (2) Evelyn Nelson.

MERCY, born Sept. 6, 1806; married James Hallock Oct. 15, 1829.

DORCAS, born April 28, 1809; married (1) Richard Searing Jan. 30, 1852, and (2) Henry Wells on Nov. 11, 1861.

PERRY, born July 22, 1811; married Lydia Hull.

BENJAMIN, born Aug. 23, 1813; died Feb. 15, 1889, in Cass County, Iowa; no known marriage.

MARY ANN, born Dec. 20, 1815; married John G. Barr Nov. 10, 1840.

ROWLAND, born Aug. 17, 1817; married (1) Eliza Mosley; (2) Harriet (Mosely) Bates, and (3) Josephine Smith.

JAMES, born May 4, 1820; died in 1853; no known marriage.

113. BENJAMIN BAGNAL⁶ RATHBUN (Joshua⁵⁻⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹), born March 17, 1774, at Stonington, Conn., and married about 1798 Eliza Abigail Smith, born in 1777, ancestry unknown. Both were Quakers. Benjamin was apprenticed as a young boy to a blacksmith, and was a blacksmith all his adult life. He and his new wife moved about 1799 to Westmoreland, Oneida County, N.Y., and by 1810 to Aurelius, Cayuga County, where he died in the summer of 1813. His widow died in 1850.

CHILDREN

ELIZA, born about 1799; married Alurad Chamberlain on April 18, 1817.

THOMAS, born about 1802; no known marriage.

SON (name unknown), born about 1805; apparently died young.

CHARLES W., born about 1809; married Leonora Babcock.

OLIVER SMITH, born Aug. 15, 1811; married Melinda Blanchard.

EMILY, born Aug. 14, 1813; married Jeremiah Dickenson Warner on May 4, 1841.

114. ROWLAND ROBINSON⁶ RATHBUN (Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹), born Sept. 1, 1776, in South Kingstown, R.I., and married Oct. 14, 1801, at North Kingstown, Alice Peckham, born Jan. 19, 1780, daughter of William and Mercy (Perry) Peckham. Rowland was a hatter and Alice was a Quaker preacher. At one time, he was principal of the Friends' Boarding School in Providence, and Alice was the school's matron. They moved by 1810 to Smithfield, R.I., where Alice died Sept. 19, 1845. He married on Jan. 6, 1847, Elizabeth Thomas Rathbun, born Oct. 30, 1801, daughter of his cousin, Abraham⁶ Rathbun (Joshua⁵⁻⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). They moved by 1850 to Blackstone, Mass., where Rowland died on Oct. 21, 1861. Elizabeth returned to Rhode Island where she was married on May 31,

1871, to Paul Aldrich. She died a year later in May 1872.

CHILDREN

LYDIA, born July 13, 1803; married Eli Kelly on May 6, 1830.

MERCY PECKHAM, born April 2, 1805; married William Osborn July 14, 1831.

MARY, born Oct. 1, 1806; married Charles Hadwin on Aug. 2, 1843.

EDWARD BURROUGHS, born Oct. 7, 1809; married Rebecca Kelly.

FRANCIS HOWGILL, born Aug. 19, 1811; married Susan Brown.

WILLIAM PECKHAM, born Oct. 18, 1814; married Eliza Van Slyck.

ELIZABETH A., born Dec. 27, 1818; married Alonzo D. Gordon.

115. JOSHUA⁶ RATHBUN (Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹), born Oct. 4, 1780, in South Kingstown, R.I., and married on Oct. 18, 1804, at North Kingstown, Elizabeth Hoxie, born Nov. 22, 1787, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Borden) Hoxie. They lived at Richmond, R.I., where Elizabeth died in 1850 and Joshua on Dec. 20, 1864.

CHILDREN

SOLOMON HOXIE, born Oct. 19, 1805; married Hannah M. Boyden.

SARAH, born Aug. 15, 1807; she apparently had an illegitimate daughter, Lydia Ann Rathbun, born Jan. 25, 1840, who married George Holburton on Aug. 16, 1864. She is probably the Sarah Rathbun who married James Thomas on April 24, 1861, at South Kingstown, although she was listed as single when she died March 16, 1873. Cooley says she died unmarried.

GEORGE FOX, born Oct. 27, 1810, according to Cooley, but April 25, 1813, according to descendants; married Sarah Pierce.

PETER HOXIE, born Nov. 4, 1815; died unmarried in Oct. 1885 at Richmond.

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MARY ALICE, born March 4, 1818; married Cornelius Bradley on Aug. 26, 1860.

ROWLAND ROBINSON, born Sept. 11, 1822; married Mary A. Williams.

116. BENJAMIN HALL⁶ RATHBONE (Joshua⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born about 1775 at Newport, R.I., and married there on Nov. 3, 1801, Mary Malbone, born about 1779, daughter of General John and Elizabeth Malbone. Her brother, Edward Greene Malbone, was a celebrated miniature painter whose works today are rare and valuable. Benjamin, like his father, went to sea as a young man, and was a captain by 1797. He also had become a ship owner by September 1815, when he and his ship were lost at sea within sight of land during a violent storm. His widow died less than three years later on Jan. 4, 1818.

CHILDREN

SON, name unknown, born in 1802; died young.

HARRIET WHITEHORN, born June 11, 1804; married Edward Henry Courtenay on May 21, 1827.

MARY LOUISA, born March 26, 1806; died April 2, 1815.

ELIZABETH, born about 1808; died June 9, 1818.

EDWARD MALBONE, born June 2, 1811; Cooley says he became a sea captain and died at St. Louis, Mo., but no record of him has been found.

117. GEORGE SEARS⁶ RATHBONE (Joshua⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Sept. 22, 1789, at Newport, R.I., and moved as a young man to Providence, where he married on Sept. 5, 1811, Esther Dunn Jones, born May 3, 1792, daughter of Thomas Jones. He became a prominent commission merchant, auctioneer and ship owner, and served on the city council and in the Rhode Island state legislature. He and Esther had no children of their own, but adopted her great-niece, Sarah Dunn Jones, who took the Rathbone name and was married on Feb. 20, 1870, to Timothy W. Bancroft. Esther died July 10, 1867, and George died Jan. 25, 1869, both at Providence. His obituary said of him: "There was sedateness in

his look, gentleness in his manner. He was guiltless of the sin of profanity so common in our day. . . . He was not a great talker but a good listener. He knew more and felt more than he was disposed to express."

118. WILLIAM HENRY⁶ RATHBONE (Joshua⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born June 4, 1796, at Newport, and married there Jan. 5, 1823, Sarah Ann Center, born June 6, 1800, daughter of James and Sarah (Baley) Center. William died three years later on May 18, 1826, leaving Sarah a young widow. She never remarried and died in Newport on Aug. 5, 1852.

CHILD

GEORGE SEARS, born Oct. 29, 1823; went to California in the Gold Rush Days, and died there of pneumonia, date unknown. Cooley reported that he never married, but he may be the George Rathbun who married Raphilia or Sophia Mayo in Sacramento in 1860.

119. ASA⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Feb. 15, 1776, at Richmond, Mass. He moved with his parents as a boy to Whiting, Addison County, Vermont, and married on Dec. 29, 1800, in Bristol, Vt., Johanna Brookings, born Oct. 2, 1784, parentage unknown. They lived in Bristol the rest of their lives. Asa died there on July 3, 1851, and Johannah on Nov. 10, 1857.

CHILDREN

RANSOM REED, born June 26, 1801; married Mary Tucker.

RACHEL, born Aug. 22, 1804; died Feb. 11, 1810.

RUFUS, born Aug. 13, 1807; died Feb. 3, 1808.

LUCY, born Oct. 10, 1808; married Freeman Crane Oct. 23, 1828.

PHILIP CALLENDAR, born March 2, 1810; married Lucinda Richardson.

LORAIN, born May 9, 1812; died April 12, 1813.

JAMES MADISON, born Feb. 17, 1814; married Sally McPherson.

DIADAMA, born Nov. 9, 1815; married Harmon Collins.

CYRUS, born Dec. 20, 1817; married Sarah Hier.

RHODA MARIA, born Dec. 20, 1821; married Squire Greene.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, born May 30, 1824; married Sally C. Hall.

120. DYER⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Oct. 25, 1777, in Richmond, Mass. He moved with his parents as a boy to Vermont, and then in the early 1800s to Marcellus, N.Y., where on Jan. 31, 1808, he married Mary Lowry, born Aug. 12, 1788, daughter of Peter and Hannah Lowry. They moved by 1830 to Granby, Oswego County, N.Y., and then in 1835 to Michigan, taking two yoke of oxen and a team of horses, pulling wagons loaded with farming tools and household goods. They settled in what was then a wilderness in Shiawassee County and purchased a tract of land at \$1.25 an acre. They lived for a few days in a wigwam while they built a log cabin which later became a tavern and major overnight stop on the road between Detroit and Lansing. The area was incorporated as Burns Township, and the village which developed there was called Cohoctah. Dyer died there on Oct. 5, 1857, and Mary on March 24, 1870.

CHILDREN

SALLY, born Nov. 6, 1808; married Williams Jenks Dec. 25, 1827.

JOHN P., born Dec. 15, 1809; married (1) Delilah Foster, and (2) Lucy (Cowin) Powers.

RUFUS COGSWELL, born April 14, 1812; married (1) Sarah Baker, and (2) Angeline.

JAMES W., born Sept. 28, 1814; married (1) Eunice Wiltse, and (2) Mary Ann Hull.

HIRAM B., born Sept. 8, 1816; married (1) Euphemia Dodd, and (2) Effie M. Wiles.

HANNAH, born Oct. 12, 1818; married Jesse Young Jan. 1, 1838.

MARY, born Nov. 25, 1825; married Noah D. Pettys on April 24, 1842.

LUCY, born July 2, 1830; died Sept. 4, 1830 (or 1839).

ANNA (twin), born July 2, 1830; married (1) William W. Coats on Jan. 8, 1851, and (2) David Tillman on March 1, 1866.

121. RUFUS COGSWELL⁶ RATHBONE (Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born about 1779 in Richmond, Mass., moved with his parents as a boy to Vermont, and then to Sempronius, N.Y. About 1805, he moved to South Carolina, settling in the Kershaw District, and was married there by 1810 to Martha G. Hilliard, the widow of Philomon Hilliard, who was some 20 years his senior, born in the 1750s. Rufus was listed in 1810 as the owner of nine slaves and as a manufacturer of home-spun cloth. In 1813 he was a justice of the peace. In 1816, Rufus and Martha moved to Madison County, Alabama. Martha died there on June 10, 1832, and three years later, on March 4, 1835, he was married at age 56 to 29-year-old Elizabeth L. Mason, parentage unknown. She was an ardent Methodist, and opposed to slavery. Just before their marriage, Rufus freed his two slaves, Betsey and her daughter Susan. Rufus died seven years later, on Jan. 12, 1842, leaving an estate of nearly \$18,000. His widow was married the following year, on May 3, 1843, to Eli Littleton Dean, a year younger than she, by whom she had two children. Elizabeth apparently had softened her views on slavery, for in 1846 she was accused of "inflicting cruel and inhuman treatment" upon one Milly, her "slave for life." The charges were later dismissed. By 1850, Elizabeth and Eli moved to Monroe County, Mississippi, and then in 1856 to Texas. She died at Del Rio, Texas, in October 1896.

CHILDREN

(All by Elizabeth)

RUFUS COGSWELL, born in Jan. 1836; died Dec. 19, 1849.

DANIEL M., born in 1837; died in April 1859.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, born Dec. 4, 1838; married Mary V. Robinson.

SARAH F., born June 5, 1840; died Dec. 22, 1840.

ANDREW JACKSON, born Oct. 21, 1841; died June 3, 1842.

122. ISAAC⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born July 11, 1781, in Richmond, Mass., and moved with his parents first to Vermont and then to Sempronius, N.Y. He was mar-

ried there in 1806 to Lucy Monroe, born Feb. 24, 1788, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Fassett) Monroe. They moved to Otisco, Onondaga County, N.Y., by 1810; to Williamstown, Ontario County, N.Y., by 1820, and by 1830 to Wayne County, N.Y. In the late 1830s, they joined the westward march, and settled in Ogden, Lenawee County, Michigan. Isaac died there August 5, 1846, and Lucy on June 8, 1876.

CHILDREN

DANIEL, born Sept. 29, 1807; married Hannah Scanman.

PAMELA, born Nov. 9, 1810; married Israel Hodges in 1832.

RUFUS H., born Sept. 29, 1812; married Eleanor Robbins.

LUCY M., born Nov. 1, 1814; married William Norton in August 1835.

THOMAS R., born Oct. 3, 1817; married Hannah E. Davis.

JAMES B., born June 10, 1819; married Laura Tiffany.

LOUISA L., born May 21, 1821; married Burdiah Bailey.

MARY CONTENT, born June 31, 1823; died Oct. 26, 1833.

SEGESTER L., born July 2, 1824; married (1) Mary Elizabeth Turner, and (2) Emaline Robinson.

MARTHA M., born Dec. 24, 1826; married Aziah Hall in 1849.

123. VALENTINE WIGHTMAN⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Oct. 12, 1792, at Rutland, Vermont, and moved with his father as a boy to Sempronius, N.Y. He served as a drummer in the War of 1812, and married in New York on Dec. 11, 1814, Roxanna Smith, born April 11, 1794, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Slat-ter) Smith. They moved to Williams-town, Ontario County, N.Y., by 1820, and to Fairfield, Huron County, Ohio, about 1832. In 1842 they moved to Steuben County, Indiana, where Roxanna died Aug. 28, 1858. He married the following year, on June 30, 1859, Mary Isabel Hamilton, born Dec. 6, 1837, parentage unknown. Valentine died in Steuben County, at York Center, on May 16, 1876, having fathered 17 children by his two wives, the last when he was 81 years old! Mary died Nov. 9, 1912.

CHILDREN

(By Roxanna)

HARRISON, born Dec. 7, 1815; died April 12, 1816.

DAUGHTER (unnamed), born April 21, 1817; died in infancy.

NILES, born April 22, 1818; married Martha Nichols.

NANCY LAVINA, born June 8, 1820; married Solomon Smith Phillips on May 31, 1842.

PHIDELIA JANE, born Feb. 26, 1822; married Lafayette Hoose on May 2, 1846.

SULINDA, born Dec. 17, 1824; died July 17, 1825.

VALENTINE WIGHTMAN, born Feb. 6, 1826; married Pauline Hardy.

JOSEPH SMITH, born May 31, 1828; married (1) Lola Weatherlow, and (2) Jerusha Whaley.

ROXANNA PAMELA, born May 6, 1830; married (1) Levi Johnson on Dec. 8, 1850, and (2) Beers Roberts.

HANNAH MARIA, born May 13, 1832; married Adam Dygert.

DORLISKA, born July 23, 1836; died June 12, 1838.

CHARLOTTE LOUISA, born May 29, 1839; married Niles Wheaton on March 5, 1858.

(By Mary)

LYDIA M., born Aug. 5, 1861; married William Craig on Sept. 23, 1880.

EMMA I., born Dec. 10, 1863; married Amos Beach on July 4, 1880.

NETTIE M., born Jan. 17, 1867; married William Lindley July 4, 1888.

MINNIE B., born Aug. 3, 1871; married Ulysses McElroy on Feb. 15, 1896.

HOMER W., born June 23, 1873; married Stella Schick on May 15, 1895, and died within a year. She remarried Dolph Steward on June 13, 1897.

124. BRADLEY ROSE⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born April 21, 1794, in Whiting, Vermont, and moved as a boy with his father to Sempronius, N.Y. He married in New York on Oct. 18, 1818, Achsa Hubbell, born in 1797, daughter of Shadrach Hubbell. They moved a few years after their marriage to Hector, Tompkins County, N.Y., where Bradley died on July 15, 1825, leaving his wife with two young children and pregnant with a

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third. She was married in November 1827 to David B. Currie, by whom she had four children. He refused to raise her three Rathbun children, and all were "sent out to service" at early ages — meaning they were placed as servants. Achsa died July 26, 1839, in Barton, Tioga County, N.Y.

CHILDREN

WILLIAM HARRISON, born June 24, 1820; married Harriet Maybee.

CHARLES W., born July 26, 1822; married Martha J. Russell.

CANDACE M., born Nov. 14, 1825; married Nathaniel Golden on June 21, 1844.

125. JOSHUA⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born May 19, 1801, in Whiting, Vermont, and moved as a baby with his father to Sempronius, N.Y. He married there Jan. 27, 1822, Penelope Cutler, born Sept. 30, 1804, daughter of Bradley and Sabra (Wade) Cutler. They moved about 1832 with his brother, Valentine, to Fairfield, Huron County, Ohio, and in the 1860s to Rice County, Minn., where Penelope died Aug. 3, 1876. Joshua then went to live with his son, Daniel, at St. John's, Michigan, where he died Oct. 8, 1885.

CHILDREN

SABRA CORDELIA, born March 1, 1823; married Amasa Church Allen on July 4, 1840.

SON (unnamed), born in 1825; died in infancy.

NANCY A., born Nov. 30, 1827; married Samuel Parker in 1842.

MARY JANETTE, born June 2, 1829; died June 29, 1830.

HARRIET L., born Nov. 4, 1831; married John Vangrisom on Nov. 8, 1849.

MARYETTE, born Nov. 29, 1833; married (1) George Mintony, and (2) William C. Allen.

DANIEL BRADLEY, born Jan. 3, 1836; married Louisa Hall.

PHOEBE ANN, born May 7, 1838; died Dec. 16, 1840.

WILLIAM HENRY, born April 1, 1840; died June 4, 1842.

ADELAIDE CHARLOTTE, born Feb. 19, 1844; married Martin Freeman Strunk on May 3, 1865.

Queries

WANTED — Information on Nellie Alecia Rathbun, daughter of Frederick G. Rathbun, the composer whose story appeared in our April issue. She married James M. Haines in 1885 in Stockbridge, Mass, and they were living in Elizabeth City, Va., as late as 1910. Where did they later live and when and where did they die?

WANTED — Information on the identity of Elizabeth _____, wife of Jonathan Newberry, born in 1740, a son of John Newberry and Zerviah Burch, and grandson of Jonathan Burch and Mercy (or Mary)³ Rathbun (John²⁻¹).

WANTED — Information on the parentage of Hannah N. Gillihan (1814-1905), who married William Riley⁶ Rathbun (Amiziah⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). She was born in Washington County, Ky., and moved with her parents about 1835 to McDonough County, Ill., where she married Rathbun in 1838. Family tradition relates that she was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln.

WANTED — Information on the ancestry of Chan C. Rathbun who died Dec. 13, 1959, at Lyons, Ohio, aged 50.

Answers

Vol. 2, No. 2 — Horace Rathbun was born March 2, 1828, the son of Job⁶ Rathbun (Stephen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹) and Maria Thornton. He died Feb. 3, 1913, in Michigan.

Vol 2, No. 4 — Daniel Rathbun, born about 1822 in New York, was most likely a son of Gideon Clark⁶ Rathbun (Paris⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). He purchased land in 1856 from Nathaniel Rathbun, another son of Gideon, in Stephenson County, Illinois. Our thanks to Jean (Rathbun) Waddell.

Vol. 3, No. 1 — Smith A. Rathbun, born in March 1866, was the son of William⁶ Rathbun (Robert⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

New Data

Eunice, wife of Thomas⁵ Rathbun (Simeon⁴ Thomas³ John²⁻¹), was born June 10, 1779, the daughter of Christopher and Mercy (Stoddard) Greene. She apparently remarried after Thomas' death in 1839, but no record has been found. Our thanks to Clair Cornell.

Mary, wife of Samuel⁵ Rathbone (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹) was the daughter of Isaac and Ann (Comstock) Turner. Again, thanks to Clair Cornell.

Anna Rathbun, daughter of William⁵ Rathbun (Obadiah⁴ John³ William² John¹), probably married Gurdon Chester (1785-1854) and died Oct. 18, 1844, in Hillsdale County, Mich. Also, the wife of her brother, Daniel, was named Armenia, not Ramona.

In our issue of Oct. 1984, we listed Anna Maria as the eldest daughter of William⁵ Rathbun (Ebenezer⁴⁻³ William² John¹). Further research has shown that Anna Maria was his step-daughter, born to William's wife, Mary Anna Blivin, by a first marriage.

Eunice (Babb) Rathbun, wife of Zebulon⁶ Rathbun (Edmund⁵ Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), was the daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Clark) Babb. Eunice died in 1850. Our thanks to Rob Rathbun.

Paul Rathbun (1805-1885), son of Elias⁵ (Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), had a second marriage to Martha E. _____, and another daughter, Abigail A., born about 1852. Again, thanks to Rob Rathbun.

Correction

In our April issue (page 29) we theorized that Charles E. Rathbun, son of Mary⁷ Rathbun (John⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), may have married Winifred Dinsmore in 1935. Our member K. Haybron Adams, a cousin of Charles, says this is not the case. We cannot identify the Charles Rathbun who married Winifred Dinsmore.

Obituaries

DIED — July 12, 1987, at Spring Valley, Minn., Eileen Rathbun, aged 66. She was the wife of our member, Marlin⁹ Rathbun (Maurice⁸ Byron⁷ Gamaliel⁶ Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹). Also surviving is a sister, Viola Albertson.

DIED — May 29, 1987, at Pittsfield, Mass., Mary E. (Hoffman) Rathbun, aged 97. She was the widow of Arthur D. Rathbun (1888-1970), son of Norman⁸ Rathbun (Orlow⁷ Norman⁶ John⁵ Roger⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Their only child, a son, died young.

DIED — May 23, 1987, at Westerly, R.I., Charles Elmer Rathbun, 66, of North Stonington, Conn. He was the son of Jesse⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Seneca⁷ John⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). An Air Force veteran of World War II, he was New England's weightlifting champion in 1940. Survivors include his wife, Eusey; three sons, Charles, Douglas and Brian; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and a brother, Raymond Rathbun of Steubenville, Ohio.

DIED — April 2, 1987, at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, Alta F. (Sellers) Rathburn, aged 85. She was the widow of Frank C. Rathburn, son of William⁹ Rathburn (Julius⁸ Sereno⁷ Elijah⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹). She is survived by two daughters, Pauline Matson and Leta Lawhead.

DIED — June 8, 1987, at Fitzgerald, Georgia, Mrs. Ella May (Turner) Rathburn, 79. She was the widow of Henry Howell⁹ Rathburn (John⁸ Hallet⁷ Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Her only survivors were four brothers and three sisters.

DIED — July 7, 1987, at Gladstone, Ore., Mrs. Aleta Harrington, 81. She was the divorced wife of Philip⁹ Rathbun (Edwin⁸ Demornington⁷ Sebra⁶ George⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). She is survived by her husband, Oliver Harrington; a son, LaVerne E. Rathbun, a member of our Association; a daughter, Phyllis Smith, and several grandchildren.

DIED — May 6, 1987, at Billings, Mont., Ronald H. Ellinger, 65. He was the son of Harvey Ellinger and Olla Irene⁹ Rathbun (Jesse⁸ Archibald⁷ John⁶ William⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹). He is survived by his wife, Betty; two daughters, Arlene Bartel and Janice Phillips; two stepchildren; eight brothers and five sisters, including our member, Joan (Mrs. Myron) Byers.

DIED — August 7, 1987, at Ontario, Ore., Ruth (Sherman) Rathbone, 81. She was the widow of Wilburn⁸ Rathbone (Eugene⁷ Cornelius⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Mrs. Rathbone is survived by six children from her first marriage to Lorn Howard Hance, who died in a Japanese prison camp during World War II. She also leaves 22 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

DIED — August 1, 1987, at Warwick, R.I., Joseph J. Grantmeyer, husband of Ruth E. (Rathbun) Grantmeyer, daughter of Raymond⁹ Rathbun (Raymond⁸ Amy⁷ Olney⁶ Joshua⁵ Anthony⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). In addition to his wife, Mr. Grantmeyer is survived by a son and daughter; his mother; a sister, and two grandsons.

DIED — June 1, 1987, at Henry, Nebraska, Wesley Wayne Rathbun, aged 56. He was the son of Charles⁹ Rathbun (John⁸ William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). He is survived by his wife, Wilba Lea; two daughters, Mrs. Melodie Sturdivant and Mrs. Ronda Smith; a son, Wayne; four grandchildren, and two brothers, Donald and William Leroy, who is a member of our Association.

DIED — June 24, 1987, at Wykoff, Minn., Perry John Rathbun, aged 89. He was a son of Charles⁸ Rathbun (Henry⁷ Nathaniel⁶ Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹). Survivors include four sons, Cyril, Duane, Lloyd and Perry Jr.; a daughter, Mary Jo Smith; 47 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren, and four sisters, Myrtle Davenport, Violet Gehrken, Amelia Black and Eliza Maracle.

Births

BORN — July 23, 1987, Christian Wait Rathbun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howe Rathbun III, and grandson of Henry Howe Rathbun Jr., both of Macon, Ga. Henry Jr. is the son of Henry⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ William⁷ Alfred⁶ Wait⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Both the parents and grandfather are members of our Association.

BORN — June 7, 1987, Andrew David Rathbun, son of Nigel and Tracy Rathbun, of Holland, Mich.; grandson of David and Susan Rathbun, and great-grandson of our member, Harlan E.⁹ Rathbun (George⁸⁻⁷ Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

Reunions

Nearly 130 descendants of Hallet Rathbun (1841-1925) attended their sixth annual reunion July 4 in Fitzgerald, Georgia. Hallett, son of Thomas⁶ Rathbun (Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹), had 15 children by three wives, all sisters. Among those attending the reunion were two members of our Association, Reba (Rathbun) Reeves and Annie (Rathbun) Paulk.

Some 50 persons attended the 39th annual reunion of the Springfield (N.Y.) Rathbuns on August 1 at Hyde Bay Colony, Cooperstown, N.Y. All were descended from Williams⁶ Rathbun (Williams⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹). Among the older cousins present were our member, Oliver Rathbun, 90, and his sister, Mary Lybeck, 81, and their niece, Margaret Ann (Rathbun) Medved, one of our new members.

Some 85 descendants of Ellen Lucinda (Rathbun) Cline (1871-1959) attended a Sharp family reunion July 18-22 in Colorado. Among them were our members, Ellen and Jack Coates. Ellen Lucinda Rathbun was the daughter of Jacob W.⁷ Rathbun (Edwin⁶ George⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Her daughter, Oleana Cline, married Frank Sharp.

People

LT. COL ROBERT W. RATHBUN, U.S. Marine Corps, has been named commanding officer of the Marines' Military Entrance Processing Station at Oakland, Calif. A Marine since 1968, he is a Vietnam veteran and had commanded the Marine Corps detachment at the Concord (Calif.) Naval Weapons Station since 1985. He is the son of Harold⁹ Rathbun (Robert⁸ Theodore⁷ Alden⁶ Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹). Both he and his father are members of our Association.

DARRYL T. RATHBUN of Greenwich, Conn., and Tracey A. Marshall were married Sept. 12, 1987. Darryl is the youngest son of our members, Merrill and Carmen Rathbun. Merrill is the son of Harvey Rathbun, a descendant of Justin Rathbun (1802-1853) of Salem, Conn., whose ancestry has not yet been determined.

BELINDA TOWNSEND RATHBONE has opened a traveling exhibition of American photography in Spain. Her exhibition of 164 photographs dating from 1880 to the present, is entitled "American Dreams," and includes pictures by some of America's best-known photographers. The exhibition opened in Madrid in May and will continue in Bilbao. Belinda is the youngest daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Perry T. Rathbone. Perry is the son of Howard Betts⁸ Rathbone (Peter⁷ Elijah⁶ Moses⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹).

HELEN M. RATHBUN of Cranston, R.I., has sent us a 1901 volume entitled "Cabin and Plantation Songs," arranged by Frederick G. Rathbun and two associates. Helen, an organist, first brought Frederick Rathbun's musical career to our attention. (See story in April 1987 issue).

BEULAH RATHBUN is manager of a nudist campground in South Kingstown, R.I. Mrs. Rathbun, 68, says the camp is so popular she may have to establish a waiting list and take reservations for weekend visitors. Does anyone know Mrs. Rathbun?

Our New Members

Charles H. Boardman
Cocoa Beach, Florida

Mary Davidson
Johnson, Kansas

Connie Huber
St. Joseph, Mich.

David L. Jacques
Santa Rosa, Calif.

Cheryl Jensen
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Charlotte Mazurik
Eldora, Iowa

Margaret (Rathbun) Medved
Manchester, N.H.

Helen (Rathbun) Miltimore
San Lorenzo, Calif.

Carol Mulhern
Imperial Beach, Calif.

Sherry Perkins
Ypsilanti, Mich.

Bradley J. Rathbun
Fort Pierre, S.D.

Kenneth Rathbun
Glendive, Mont.

Lloyd Dow Rathbun
Douglas, Wyoming

Willard G. Rathbun
San Leandro, Calif.

Blanche Strum
Superior, Wisc.

Helen Tucker
Oelwein, Iowa

Robert B. Willis
S. Easton, Mass.

Neda Zimmerschied
Carlisle, Wyoming

KIMBERLY SUE RATHBUN, a May 1987 high school graduate in Alliance, Nebr., has been selected for the second consecutive year to be listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is the daughter of our members, William Leroy and Zella Rathbun. William is the son of Charles⁹ Rathbun (John⁸ William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

WILLIAM ALLEN RATHBUN, of Wilmington, Del., is listed in the 1986-7 edition of Who's Who in the East. He is a Video-Tex executive, and the son of Robert¹⁰ Rathbun (Claude⁹ Joel⁸ John⁷⁻⁶ James⁵ Thomas⁴ Ebenezer³ William² John¹).

REV. ARTHUR J. RATHBUN, whose marriage to Theresa Lewis was noted in our last issue, has been identified as the son of Arthur J.¹⁰ Rathbun Sr. (John⁹ Jackson⁸ Valentine⁷ Caleb⁶ Valentine⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Our thanks to Marlene Wilkinson and to Janet Rathbun.

STEPHEN GLEN RATHBUN and Cheryl Ann Simms were married Oct. 3, 1987, in El Paso, Texas. Stephen is the son of Bruce J. and Corinne Rathbun. Does anyone know these cousins?

WE THANK the following members who have sent us family data, pictures, clippings and other materials in recent months: Betty Drake, Frank E. Rathbun, Rob Rathbun, Eugene W. Rathbone, Blanche Weirum, Bradley J. Rathbun, Cheryl Jensen, Clair Cornell, Sherry Perkins, John Bowen, Helen M. Rathbun, Russ and Norma Rathbun, Donald and Shirley Rathbun, Marlene Wilkinson, Mary Eade, Harlan E. Rathbun, M. Carson Hunt, Connie Huber, Joy Baker, Jean Peterson, Glenn Rathbun, Blanche Strum, Grove and Janet Rathbun, Terry Rathbun, Mary Pearl Whitman, Robert L. Rathbun, Beverly Gillette, Donna Bender, Elizabeth Rathbun, Ellen Coates, Dr. Donald Rathbun, Leroy and Zella Rathbun, Donald E. Rathbun, Gail Jacobson, Margaret Medved, Rosma Limbeck, Sherman Boivin, Bob Willis and Charlotte Mazurik.

Paulina Hardy,

Daughter of Ephriam and Ancie Hardy, was born in Cayuga county, New York, Sept. 28, 1823, and departed this life Oct. 1, 1905, aged 82 years and 3 days.

She was married to Valentine W. Rathbun, June 4, 1851, and to the union were born four sons and one daughter. Three sons and one daughter survive to mourn their loss; her husband and one son having preceded



her to their eternal home. When but a child she moved with her parents to the state of Ohio. At the age of 28 years she and her companion began life together in the forest of York township, Steuben county, and in the fall of 1854 they moved to Clear Lake township, Steuben county, Ind., where she has resided ever since. In her girlhood days she became a member of the Congregational church. On coming to Indiana she received a letter from the church recommending her to the M. E. church at York, but for some reason she retained her letter until her death, but we believe her life has been such that the Master has said "It is enough, Come up higher." She has always been a kind and obliging neighbor, a true and loving wife, a kind and devoted mother beloved by all who knew her. Funeral services were held at the Summit U. B. church conducted by Rev. Renner.