

Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn

FAMILY HISTORIAN



Charles Raymond Rathbun
(alias Charles R. Woodard)
(1882-1940)

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

Letter from the Editor

This issue of the Historian launches the eighth year of our Association, and a wonderful seven years it has been! We closed the books on 1987 with 503 members — a new record! As this is written, in December, nearly 100 of these have not renewed their membership, but we are hoping many of them will rejoin eventually.

On the cheerful side, we have many new members to report. (See list on page 16).

I hope you all had as pleasant a Christmas season as did Hazel and I. And I want to give thanks to all the members who helped brighten our holiday by sending us Christmas cards.

In our April 1985 issue, we reported that we had asked the United States Postal Service to issue a stamp honoring Captain John Peck Rathbun of the American Revolutionary Navy. (See story of his life and career in our issues of October 1982, and January, April and July of 1983).

Our request was turned over to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, which turned it down. At our urging, Postmaster General Preston R. Tisch agreed last February to ask the Committee to reconsider it. To date, we have heard no more.

One of our members, Richard C. Parfitt, has taken a personal interest in the

cause, and has been enlisting support from other organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution, and from his senators and congressman.

It will take much more of this kind of grassroots work if we are to be successful. If you want to help, please write letters to your congressman and senators, and to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, Washington, D.C. 20260. Simply ask them to give you a report on the status of our request. If enough interest is shown, someone in the federal bureaucracy may sit up and take notice.

Please send me a copy of what you write, and the reply you receive.

Our Association recently was called upon to perform an unusual but valuable service. When June Lorraine Rathbone died in Detroit on Dec. 2 (see obituaries), the undertaker was unable to locate any relatives, and could make no plans for a funeral. He called Richmond (Jack) Rathbone, one of the Rathbones in the Detroit telephone directory, to see if he could help. Jack, one of our members, did not know the family, but referred the undertaker to me. From my records, I was able to give him the names of two nephews. Contact was made, and a funeral was planned.

I hope to have a story on Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn twins in the next issue. If you have twins in your family, past or present, and haven't yet sent me their pictures, please do it soon. Remember, we need good, clear pictures, preferably head-and-shoulders type, although full-length views will do if they are sharp and clear.

Printing of the 1985-86 Indexes has been delayed. They will be mailed with the next Historian.

Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 1988.

Frank

Early Family Mystery May Be Solved

One of our earliest family mysteries is whatever happened to Elizabeth Rathbun, the youngest daughter of our immigrant ancestors, John and Margaret (Acres) Rathbun, of Block Island.

We only know that Elizabeth was alive in 1702, when she was mentioned in her father's will, and that she was probably the youngest daughter, since she was listed last. There is no further record of her on Block Island. What became of her?

I believe I have solved the mystery! Elizabeth, I think, married Nicholas Mosher, born in 1666, whose sister, Mary Mosher, later married Elizabeth's brother, Joseph Rathbun.

The will of Nicholas Mosher in 1747 established that his wife's name was Elizabeth, but her surname has never been known. Some descendants in recent years have suggested that her surname was Audley, but without any real evidence. I contacted Lois Bennington, editor of the Mosher family publication,

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Financial Statement	
1987 Income	
Memberships (503@ \$15)	\$7,545
Sale of Past Historians	1,655
Bank Account Interest	398
Reunion Surplus	215
Total	\$9,813
1987 Expenses	
Printing of Historian	\$4,574
Computer Mailing Costs	1,672
1985-86 Indexes (Est.)	1,500
Stationery & Supplies	863
Postage	420
Research	263
Telephone	250
Pictures	82
Miscellaneous	105
Total	\$9,729
Carryover from 1986	1,332
Balance on Hand	1,416

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Dr. Donald Rathbun Owns Rare 1893 Family 'Button'

Dr. Donald Rathbun of El Paso, Texas, is the proud owner of what is one of the most rare heirlooms in our family — the "Family Button" of 1893.

The story of the "Button" dates back to June 1893, when Franklin P. Rathbone, publisher of the original Rathbone Family Historian, announced plans for a "Family Badge . . . in the form of a button for gentlemen and a pin for ladies . . . It will be a decoration of which none can be ashamed and one that every truly loyal Rathbone will be proud to wear. It will be so distinct that it can be recognized at a glance and its possessor known to belong to the family."

Rathbone explained that the button would be made of white ivory, less than an inch in diameter, with carvings of a dove holding an olive branch, the initial "R" and the motto of the English Rathbones' coat of arms — "Suaviter et Fortiter", Latin for "Gently and Firmly" or "Tenderly and Bravely." The design was drawn by Franklin Root Rathbun, an artist and draftsman of Auburn, N.Y.

In the August 1893 Historian, Rathbone announced: "The Button is Now Ready."

"It is made of ivory and is very beautiful," he wrote. "There will be no pins, as was intended, as they cannot be made without too much expense, but the buttons are so made that ladies can wear them with no trouble. We have only a limited number as a trial and it will be best . . . to order at once." The price was listed as 75 cents each, or six for \$3.75.

The response apparently was not very good. In the issues of September and October 1893, Rathbone announced that he had 50 buttons on hand, and again stressed the importance of ordering early.

"The Button," he wrote, "is greatly admired by all who have seen it, and is certainly one to be proud of. It is of polished ivory and hand engraved. It will last for all time and never tarnish . . . It is a fit emblem of the name it represents. The whiteness of its ivory is typical of the

purity of the lives of our people. . . The manufacturer says he will not make any more so cheaply, and it is likely that no more will ever be made."



Dr. Donald Rathbun's family "Button," photographed next to a penny to show its size.

Dr. Donald Rathbun, owner of the family button described in the above story, is engaged in what must be one of the most unique "headhunts" in history — he is looking for the head of Pancho Villa, the famous Mexican bandit and revolutionary leader.

Dr. Rathbun is one of a group of El Paso residents who meet regularly for lunch, and who have taken up the search for Pancho Villa's head for return to Mexico.

Born in 1878, and named Francesco Villa, he became known as Pancho during his early years in the Mexican Revolution of 1909. He later turned to banditry, and operated with his men on both sides of the Rio Grande. He was pursued by American troops under General John Pershing into Mexico in 1916, causing a rift between the two countries. Pershing was forced to withdraw his troops.

Villa was assassinated seven years later, in July 1923, in Mexico, but his

The last reference to the button appeared in the March 1894 issue, when Rathbone reported that he had one dozen left.

Rathbone ceased publishing the Historian after the June 1894 edition, and never mentioned the button again after March.

One subscriber who did buy a button was Dr. Byron W. Rathbun, a dentist in Dunkirk, N.Y. When he died, in 1902, it was inherited by his son, Dr. Chauncey Rathbun, also a dentist. It was left to Chauncey's son, Donald, who in turn left it to his son, our Dr. Donald Rathbun of El Paso.

Dr. Don is fortunate indeed to have such a rare family heirloom, which has been in his family for 94 years, and owned by four generations of Rathbuns.

Does anyone else have one of the buttons, or even know of one?

body was dug up in 1926 and the head removed. Its whereabouts have not been known since that time.

Dr. Rathbun's group has recently discovered that a man known as Major Emile Holmdahl may have sold the head early in 1926, and then disappeared. Holmdahl, described as a soldier of fortune, would have been about 30 years old in 1926. To date, they have had no luck trying to learn what happened to Holmdahl.

"We are also looking for any contemporary photographs of Villa's body, which might show a head injury or gunshot wound. We are also interested in finding Villa's dental records, which would help identify the skull if it can be found," said Dr. Rathbun.

If any of our members know anything about Holmdahl, or have ever heard anything about Pancho Villa's missing skull, Dr. Rathbun would appreciate knowing about it. Write to him in care of the Rathbun Family Association.

Rathbun, Known As Woodard, Lifelong Friend of Indians

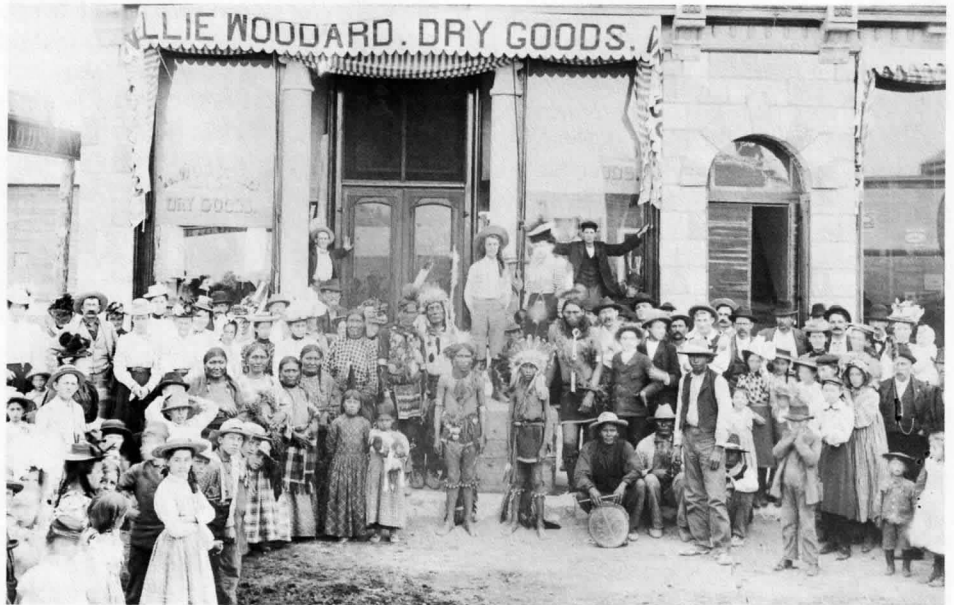
Too often, in our nation's history, the tragic tale of the American Indian is overlooked or brushed aside. This is the story of one of our cousins whose early life was interwoven with the Sioux Indians, and who remained their friend and ardent champion until his death. He was one of the few Rathbuns who went through life bearing a different surname.

Charles Raymond Rathbun was born Nov. 20, 1882, at Peoria, Illinois, the only son of Charles Byron⁸ Rathbun (James⁷⁻³ Samuel² John¹), and his second wife, Ella A. (Nellie) Smith.

Charles Byron Rathbun, the father, was born in 1843 in Erie County, N.Y., and served in the Civil War, although no details of his service are known. He married Mattie L. Bentley in 1867, but he apparently left her after a few years. Their only child, a daughter, Cora, died at the age of 10. He was a detective for the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad after the war, and later was a traveling salesman in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa and Illinois.

In the middle 1870s, he met a young divorcee, Ella (Nellie) Smith, with whom he had a tumultuous relationship. He apparently divorced his first wife about 1881, and married Nellie, but their marriage also ended in divorce a year or two after the birth of Charles Raymond, and Rathbun moved back east. He never saw Nellie or his son again, and died Feb. 8, 1889, in Concord, Pa. (We are planning a later story on his eventful and tragic life.)

Nellie, who had gone into the "human hair" business in Peoria, where Charles Raymond was born, later opened a branch in Burlington, Iowa, under the name "N. Woodard." She sold wigs, hairpieces, sets of curls and other hair items. About 1887 she sold her business and moved to Chadron, Neb., the home of her older sister, Mary E. Smith, one of the founders of Chadron and a prominent businesswoman there. Mary



Nellie Woodard's dry goods store in Chadron, Nebraska, as it appeared about 1898. Her son Charles (with long hair) is standing just right of the door, next to Nellie. More than a dozen Indians can be seen in the crowd.

was later a prominent leader in the women's suffrage movement.

At Chadron, with her sister's help, Nellie opened a general merchandise store. Again, she used the name Woodard, and young Charles Raymond Rathbun became Charles Raymond Woodard. They both used the Woodard name for the rest of their lives. The family today has no idea why she chose the name Woodard.

Chadron then was a bustling frontier village, with a collection of hotels, saloons, gambling halls, and assorted stores, and with a population of nearly 3,000. One writer called it a "rough and lively place." It was here that young Rathbun, now known as Raymond Woodard, was to spend his early years.

Much of the local business came from Sioux Indians living on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, just across the state line in South Dakota. Nellie soon expanded her business to the two reservations, hauling her goods there in a horse-drawn wagon, usually accompanied by young Raymond, then

only six or seven years old. They often spent several days at a time on the reservations, sharing the homes and meals of the Indians.

Both Nellie and Raymond developed a fondness for the proudly independent Sioux, and both learned to speak the Sioux language fluently. As a result, they made many friends among the Indians.

Raymond developed beautiful, curly hair, which his mother let grow to shoulder length. He became a familiar sight at the reservations, and was given the nickname "Pahahanska-Okshila," meaning "Long-Haired Boy" in Sioux.

But storm clouds were gathering in those years. The Indians had been driven from their lands throughout the West by settlers, miners, ranchers and railroads. By the 1880s, the Sioux had been forced to give up their once vast hunting lands, and held possession of only the area around the Black Hills, which they called "Paha Sapa" and considered a sacred place.



Baby picture of Charles Raymond (Rathbun) Woodard, aged two, in Burlington, Iowa, showing the curly hair that was to be his trademark for many years.



Charles Raymond (Rathbun) Woodard, aged 17, not long before he cut off the long, curly hair which he had worn since childhood.



Sioux Chief Red Cloud (1822-1909), long-time friend of Charles Raymond (Rathbun) Woodard, who gave him his Sioux nickname, "Pahahanska Okshila."

A United States treaty in 1868 had set the Black Hills aside for the Sioux, and provided that no white persons could settle, occupy or even pass through the area without the Indians' consent. That promise, and the treaty, like many before, were soon broken. Gold was discovered in the Black Hills in 1874, and a flood of miners poured into the area, seeking their fortunes.

The Indians protested in vain, and outbursts of violence became common. The climax came in 1876, when a band of Sioux warriors, led by Chief Sitting Bull, wiped out a detachment of cavalry led by General George Custer at the Little Big Horn.

"Custer's Last Stand" set off a decade of violence, which culminated in the murder of Sitting Bull in 1890 by a government-paid Indian policeman. Sitting Bull was the most beloved and respected of the Sioux chieftains, and the outraged Indians swore revenge.

On Dec. 29, 1890, hundreds of Sioux — men, woman and children — were camped near Wounded Knee Creek in South Dakota, when they were surrounded by federal troops and ordered to surrender. The Indians agreed, but objected when they were told to turn over their guns, which they needed for hunting. In the arguing and confusion, shots were fired, and a full-scale mass-

acre was begun. When it was over, more than 200 Indian men, women and children had been slaughtered. Dozens more, left lying in the fields, froze to death in a snowstorm that night. The Army lost 29 men.

Nellie and Raymond Woodard were at the nearby Rosebud Reservation on one of their selling trips when the massacre occurred. When Nellie heard the news, she took Raymond and set off immediately for Wounded Knee to see if she could help any of their Indian friends who had survived.

They found a scene of desolation and sadness. Soldiers and government workers had already begun the task of collecting the dead Indians and dumping them into open-pit graves. Nellie did what she could to treat the injured and console the survivors.

Young Raymond, then eight years old, never forgot the sights he saw that day, and in later years often told of the bitterness and bewilderment he had felt about the slaughter of his Indian friends. For the rest of his life, he was an ardent supporter of Indian rights, and maintained many friendships among the Indian tribes, especially the Sioux.

In a day when bigotry was the norm, he maintained a strong attitude of tolerance for all races. At one point, a young black basketball player visited

Chadron on an exhibition tour, and was pointedly ignored by most local citizens. Raymond's neighbors were appalled when he invited the young man to his home for dinner on several occasions.

Raymond had a long-term close relationship as a boy, a teen-ager and a young man with Red Cloud, one of the principal chiefs of the Oglala Teton Sioux. It was Red Cloud who had given him his Indian name, "Pahahanska-Okshila," by which Raymond was known to all his Indian friends.

Raymond frequently visited the reservations throughout his life, and spent many hours with Red Cloud until the chief's death in 1909 aged 87. The old Sioux was nearly blind in his later years, and Raymond used to roll home-made cigarettes for him. Red Cloud gave his young white friend many gifts, including a Silver Peace Medal awarded him by the U.S. Congress for his peace endeavors.

Raymond was a handsome, likeable boy, and was badly spoiled by his loving and indulgent mother, as well as his wealthy aunt Mary. Not surprisingly, he became somewhat of a problem in his teen years.

At one point, he ran away from home to join a traveling circus as a trick rider

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and expert marksman with both pistol and rifle — two skills he had learned from his Indian friends. His circus career was cut short when his mother tracked him down and marched him back home.

In his late teens, he lived for a time in the “wide-open” city of Deadwood, S.D., where he met such legendary characters as Buffalo Bill Cody.

To help settle him down, Nellie enrolled her son at the Chadron Academy, and then sent him to a business school in Chicago. He also lived for a time in Ithica, N.Y., with his uncle, Raymond L. Smith, a prominent attorney there, and took some courses at Cornell University.

By the time he was 18, Raymond was ready to settle down. He cut off his shoulder-length curls and went to work in his mother’s store, making occasional trips back East to buy goods for his mother’s and aunt’s stores.

In 1905, aged 23, he opened his own business in Chadron, a men’s furnishings store, and later operated a similar establishment in Casper, Wyoming. He was also married and divorced twice during these years, but the names of his two wives are not known. In later years, he said, perhaps jokingly, that he divorced one because she wouldn’t have children, and the other because she couldn’t.

In 1918, he was married to Jocelyn E. Charde, a beautiful and talented songstress from Omaha. She was a nationally ranked operatic contralto and had just been offered a contract with the New York Met. She turned the offer down to marry Raymond.

In the next five years, they had three sons — Raymond in 1919, Robert in 1921 and Speed in 1924. All were surnamed Woodard, and had no idea that their real name was Rathbun.

Raymond had grown up to become a handsome and talented man with a sharp intellect and a wide variety of interests — Indian culture, horses, target shooting, music and ranching — and was also a borderline but good-natured alcoholic.

After his marriage to Jocelyn, he worked for a time as a boilermaker’s helper in one of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad shops in Chadron, and



Two scenes after the Battle of Wounded Knee in 1890. In upper picture, workers are shown gathering Indian bodies in a wagon. In lower picture, soldiers stand guard as Indian bodies are piled into a mass grave. These were some of the memories that left a life-long impression on young Charles (Rathbun) Woodard.

was a charter member of the fledgling Machinist-Helpers’ Union.

In the spring of 1919, he purchased a ranch in Fall River County, S.D., near the Sioux reservations, and raised cattle for the next three years. In 1920, he and Jocelyn tracked down and captured a cattle rustler at gunpoint.

Finding that one of their young calves was missing, they found the thief’s tracks and followed them several miles to a neighbor’s ranch, where they found the dead calf, already skinned, hanging in a shed. Raymond confronted the owner with a .45-caliber pistol, and held him at gunpoint while Jocelyn went for the sheriff.

In the fall of 1922, they rented out the ranch and returned to Chadron, where Raymond quickly became one of the town’s most active citizens. He started Chadron’s first taxi service, opened a dry-cleaning business and men’s clothing store, joined the city band, organized his own dance orchestra and trained horses for a unique horse-diving show which he took on the road. He was considered to be one of the best horse trainers in the state.

In 1928, he bought the two stores owned by his mother and aunt, and combined them into a combined clothing and department store called The Eagle Store.

Business flourished, and by the early 1930s, he owned three business properties and four houses in Chadron, still had his ranch in South Dakota and another one in Nebraska, and had bought other land in Wyoming and North Dakota.

He was still closely identified with his Indian friends, visited the reservations often, and had acquired a large collection of Indian craftwork, ranging from beadwork and quillwork to pictures, clothing, tools, moccasins and weapons.

Then the Great Depression hit the nation. Like many other American businessmen, Raymond was forced into bankruptcy. By 1934, he and Jocelyn had only their home in Chadron and the ranch in South Dakota.

In 1936, his mother died. Her death, and his financial problems, took a heavy toll on Raymond, and his health began to deteriorate. About 1938, he decided to investigate the mystery of his surname. He had known that Woodard was an assumed name, and had heard that his real name might be Rathbun, but his mother would never discuss it with him.

He went to Peoria, which he knew was his birthplace, and checked the local birth records. There, he found that his father's name was Charles Byron Rathbun, but he could learn nothing about him.

Raymond's health problems worsened, and by 1940 the end was near. His Sioux friends seemed to know that he was dying, and they came from the reservation to see him in small groups. Although he was in almost continual pain, he told his family, "I'll always see the Indians." They sat by his bed with sad faces to say goodbye to one of the few white men they had come to trust and respect.

In one of his last talks with his three sons, Raymond asked them to adopt their real name of Rathbun. Then, on October 8, 1940, his heart finally gave out, and he died just a few weeks before his 58th birthday. With him when he died was a long-time Sioux friend, Monica Baggage, who for many years had helped him keep his Indian artifacts in good condition, repairing damaged beadwork and quillwork.

Within a few years, all three sons went to court and legally changed their surnames from Woodard to Rathbun.

Raymond's wife, Jocelyn, survived her husband by 21 years, dying in 1961 at the age of 73.

(We thank our member Robert Lee Rathbun of Rimrock, Arizona, for providing information on the fascinating life of his father, and for lending us pictures

from the family collections. He and his two brothers did not know their Rathbun ancestry until Robert contacted your editor several years ago. The family still owns Raymond's Sioux artifacts, which are considered one of the finest Indian collections in the nation.)



Charles Raymond (Rathbun) Woodard in 1894, aged 12, photographed in Deadwood, S.D., in full Sioux regalia. In the photo on our front cover, he poses with his long curls and a rifle in 1892 when he was 10 years old.

Two Present-Day Cousins Friends of Harry S. Truman

In past issues, we have recorded the connections of our family members with two early American presidents — George Washington (July 1986) and Abraham Lincoln (October 1981). In this article, we move into modern times with the story of two living cousins who had close ties with Harry S. Truman, one of the outstanding presidents of this century.

LaPrelle Atmyrl Rathbone was born Sept. 10, 1911, in Pineland, Texas, the youngest daughter of Virgil Eugene Rathbone (1869-1962) and his first wife, Tabitha Green. Virgil was the son of Albert⁷ Rathbone (Amos⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

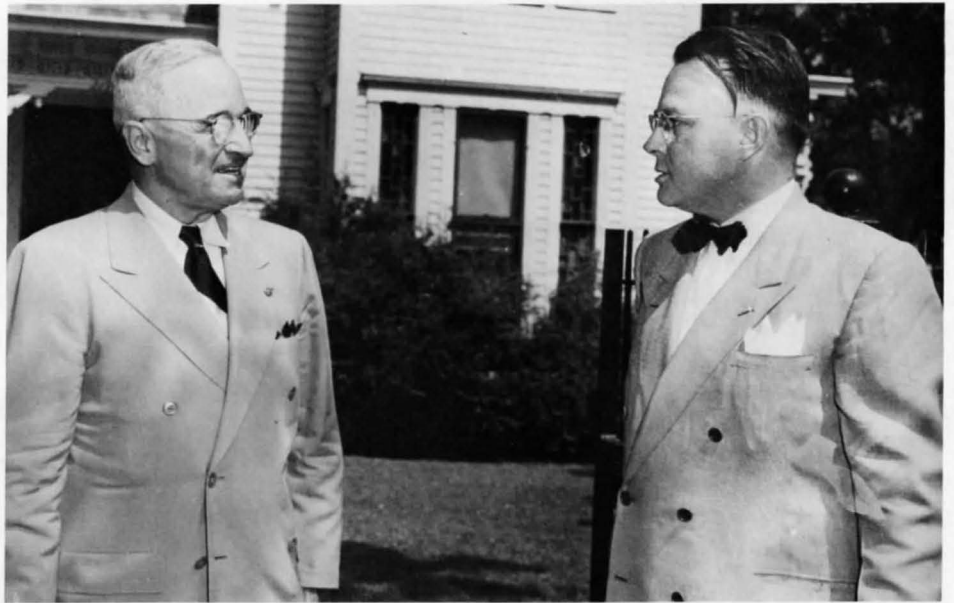
On Sept. 19, 1935, LaPrelle was married to Robert (Bob) Price Weatherford in Springfield, Missouri. They set up housekeeping in Bob's home town of Independence, Mo., where he was born Sept. 2, 1911, just a few days before LaPrelle.

Among their friends at Independence was a 51-year-old county judge named Harry S. Truman. Bob Weatherford had met Judge Truman six years earlier when he was a teen-ager.

"We met at a meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy," Bob recalled. "He spoke on the life of General Stonewall Jackson, and I spoke on the life of General Robert E. Lee."

Young Weatherford developed a great admiration for Judge Truman, and in 1934 when Truman became a candidate for U.S. Senate, Bob joined the campaign as an enthusiastic supporter, and traveled with Truman on campaign trips throughout Missouri. Truman won the Democratic nomination and then was easily elected to the Senate.

The Weatherfords and Trumans continued their friendship in the following years as Truman gained national recognition for his work in Washington. In 1944, he was elected vice-president for Franklin D. Roosevelt's fourth term, and a year later, when Roosevelt died in office, Truman became President of the United States.



President Harry S. Truman and Mayor Robert P. Weatherford at Independence in 1950, the day North Korea invaded South Korea. The president left for Washington a few hours after the picture was taken.

Four years later, in a close battle with Republican Thomas E. Dewey, Truman was elected President in his own right. Bob and LaPrelle Weatherford were among his strongest supporters in that bitter election battle.

In 1950, Bob Weatherford was elected mayor of Independence. His friendship with President Truman was well known, and certainly helped him in the campaign for mayor.

Two years later, a group of Truman's friends organized a committee to establish a Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, to house the president's papers and records. Bob was elected to the committee's board of directors in December 1952, and three weeks later attended the first board meeting in Washington, D.C.

In the next two years, as mayor of Independence, Bob spearheaded a drive to acquire land for the Truman library.

"In 1954, I acquired 25 acres," Bob recalled. "All was obtained by voluntary sale. We never used the power of eminent domain."

The committee had raised a quarter-million dollars for the project. One of the active fund-raisers was former President Herbert Hoover, a Republican, who had been defeated by Roosevelt in 1932.

Bob Weatherford related a little-known story of the relationship between Truman and Hoover.

"President Truman had only been in office a few months when he learned that Hoover was in Washington, staying at a hotel. He called Hoover, invited him to the White House, and sent a presidential limousine to pick him up.

"The two men had never before met. In their conversation, President Truman learned that Hoover had never been invited to the White House during Roosevelt's 12 years there. It was his first return to the White House since 1933.

"Truman felt that Roosevelt had mistreated Hoover by ignoring him all those years, and told Hoover that there would always be a suite of rooms for him at the White House whenever he visited Washington. Hoover left the meeting with tears in his eyes.



President Harry S. Truman speaking at a dinner in his honor on his return to Independence, after leaving the White House. LaPrelle (Rathbone) Weatherford and Mayor Robert P. Weatherford listen at left.



LaPrelle (Rathbone) Weatherford seated between President Harry S. Truman and her husband, Robert P. Weatherford, at a dinner in the early 1950s. Bob, then mayor, and LaPrelle, shared the head table with President and Mrs. Truman.

"I don't know if Hoover ever took advantage of the offer," Bob said, "but that day marked the beginning of a firm friendship between the two men."

Bob told the following story, related to him by Truman, as an example of that friendship:

In 1948, when Hoover was asked by top Republican fund-raisers how much he would contribute to Dewey's campaign, Hoover replied, "Not one dollar!" The astonished Republicans asked why. "I would not give anything to hurt my friend Harry Truman," Hoover declared.

Bob was presiding officer at dedication ceremonies a few years later for the Truman Library.

"President Truman called me aside in the foyer, and introduced me to Mr. Hoover, who was an honored guest," Bob recalled. "He also told me that he had a surprise for me — that he was going to donate the library building and site, and all his papers, to the Federal government."

Weatherford asked him why, and Truman replied:

"Because they aren't mine. The American people elected me President, and this all belongs to America."

When President Truman returned to Independence after ending his seven years as President, he and Mrs. Truman continued their close friendship with the Weatherfords.

LaPrelle Weatherford recalled some of her memories:

"It was a wonderful time and experience for our family. We were privileged to meet many well-known people and to take part in many interesting events.

"I remember Mrs. Truman's graciousness in acknowledging any little gift or kindness with a note in her bold handwriting. I remember her thoughtful telephone calls, asking about our children. And our invitation to Margaret Truman's wedding. And the Trumans' attendance at my stepmother's funeral. I remember our granddaughter sitting on a footstool at Mrs. Truman's feet and talking with her."

Bob Weatherford remained on the Truman Library's Board of Directors until he and LaPrelle moved to Phoenix, Arizona, a few years before Truman's death.

"When they heard we were moving," LaPrelle recalled, "Mrs. Truman called and invited us to dinner. It was served on the Presidential China. The evening was pure "family" talk — about their grandchildren and our three daughters."

Then, in 1972, Truman died at the age of 88, and the Weatherfords went to the funeral of the man they had known and loved for so many years.

"It was a beautiful tribute and honor to a great man," LaPrelle declared.

When your editor asked her for some comments on her recollections of the

Trumans, she wrote:

"We have many warm and wonderful memories. Thank you for having me recall some of them."

Several years ago, Bob Weatherford was invited to give a speech on his view of President Truman. Here are some excerpts:

"President Harry S. Truman was a pure patriot, and a man of intense honor. He never received a dishonest dime in his life."

"Truman, because of poor eyesight as a young man, did not participate in sports, and instead read American history from the time he was eight years old. He was the best-informed man on American history who ever occupied the White House."

"It is absolutely untrue that Truman filed bankruptcy when his haberdashery failed in Kansas City, Mo. Every dollar of his debts were paid in the 1940s, and not a single creditor lost any money."

"Truman was very protective of Mrs. Truman and his daughter, Margaret. It is not true that he was profane in public, and very little even in private."

"President Truman told me that his decision to use the atomic bomb against Japan was a matter of simple arithmetic. It had been estimated that an invasion of Japan would result in 750,000 American casualties, and that less than 100,000 Japanese casualties would result from an atomic bomb."

Genealogy: The Sixth Generation in America

126. CALEB⁶ RATHBUN (Valentine⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born June 7, 1780, at Richmond, Mass. His parents became Shakers, and when his mother died four years after Caleb's birth, he was raised by the Shakers, but left them when he was 16 years old. The family is not listed in Cooley, and little is known of him. He was reported by descendants to have been a captain in the War of 1812, but there is no record of his service. He appears in the 1820 Federal census at Stafford, Genesee County, N.Y., with one son and two daughters. He does not appear in the 1840 census, and may have died there by that time. Nothing is known of his wife.

CHILDREN

VALENTINE, born Jan. 18, 1813; married Myra Geary.

OTHERS, names unknown.

127. HENRY (HARRY)⁶ RATHBUN (Saxton⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born about 1791 at Pittsfield, Mass., and moved with his parents as a boy to Marcellus, N.Y. He married about 1819 Mary (Malath?), born about 1802, parentage unknown. They moved in 1836 to Mayfield, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where he died Aug. 29, 1852. Mary, known as Polly, died some time after 1874.

CHILDREN

ELIZA JANE, born about 1820; married Benjamin Sheldon on Sept. 3, 1836.

CELIA ANN, born about 1822; married Charles Gates on March 26, 1840.

SARAH J., born about 1824; unmarried in 1850.

JEROME HENRY, born about 1832; married Alice ____.

CHARLES, born about 1836; married Celestia Canfield.

MATILDA, born about 1839; married (1) William Adams Feb. 16, 1860, and probably (2) Edwin Farr on July 12, 1868.

EDGAR B., born in June, 1841; no known marriage.

MARY, born about 1844; married Hiram Cooper on Nov. 3, 1862.

128. BELA F.⁶ RATHBUN (Saxton⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born about 1793 at Pittsfield, Mass., and moved as a boy with his parents to Marcellus, N.Y. He married about 1816 Mary Kenyon, born in 1798, parentage unknown. He died at Marcellus on Sept. 22, 1867, three weeks after the death of his wife on September 1.

CHILDREN

WILLIAM, born about 1817; died unmarried Nov. 21, 1843.

MARY JANE, born about 1819; married Renssalaer Bowen.

CHARLES E., born about 1821; married Emerancy R. Baker.

MARTHA, born Sept. 30, 1823; married George W. Patterson.

CHARLOTTE, born about 1825; married Hiram Tyler.

CORDELIA, born July 23, 1826; died unmarried Nov. 27, 1910.

CAROLINE, born about 1829; married Morgan Baker.

LAURA E., born about 1831; died April 1, 1851.

SUSAN, born about 1833; died by 1867.

GEORGE, born about 1835; married Loriett ____.

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129. HIRAM B.⁶ RATHBUN (Saxton⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born July 27, 1797, at Pittsfield, Mass., and moved as a boy with his parents to Marcellus, N.Y. He married about 1819 Otse **Blakesly or Blakely**, born Nov. 11, 1801, parentage unknown. They moved with his brother Henry in 1836 to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where Hiram died on May 30, 1839, and Otse less than a year later on Jan. 2, 1840.

CHILDREN

ORDELIA, born June 9, 1820; married Amos Foster on March 12, 1836.

LORENZO DOW, born about 1822; married Eliza Ann Ford.

AMANDA, born about 1826; married Cutler (or Cullen) Rudd on Sept. 16, 1846.

ANN JENETTE, born about 1830; married Charles Cobb.

LAURA ANN, born Oct. 31, 1837; married George Samuel Wilcox on Feb. 21, 1855.

130. SAXTON RODNEY⁶ RATHBUN (Saxton⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Sept. 17, 1805, at Marcellus, N.Y., and married Sept. 27, 1827, Maria Lander, born Feb. 3, 1807, daughter of William and Polly (Marlett) Lander. They moved about 1832 to Orange Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where Saxton was a township trustee from 1834 until 1837, and later was a constable, justice of the peace and deputy sheriff. They moved in 1845 to DuPage Township, Wills County, Ill. and the following year to nearby Wheatland Township, where he was township assessor, commissioner of highways and a trustee and director of the school board. In 1868 they moved back to DuPage Township, where he had a 480-acre farm. He died there on March 12, 1886, and Maria on June 7, 1888.

CHILDREN

VALENTINE, born July 30, 1828; married Mercy Smith.

WILLIAM MARLETT, born Jan. 5, 1830; married (1) Rachel ____, and (2) Martha ____.

PAMELIA, born June 25, 1831; married A.K. Heyland.

BELA F., born Feb. 9, 1833; married Isabel Thompson.

SABRINA LOCKWOOD, born Dec. 27, 1834; married (1) George W. Humphrey; (2) Reuben W. Smith, and (3) John Sylvester White.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, born Nov. 19, 1836; died Dec. 29, 1836.

MARY JANE, born Jan. 15, 1838; married — Smith.

ESTHER ANN, born Feb. 11, 1840; married Isaac Norman Eaton.

ALVIN ORLANDO, born April 7, 1842; married Frances Sorture.

HIRAM L., born March 2, 1844; died Jan. 9, 1863, as a soldier in the Civil War.

ROSELLA M., born April 29, 1846; died Dec. 27, 1847.

CHARLES WESLEY, born Jan. 28, 1848; married (1) Sarah E. Alexander, and (2) Carrie Sheldon.

JAMES HARVEY, born Aug. 22, 1851; died Jan. 7, 1852.

131. SYLVESTER⁶ RATHBUN (James⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born May 27, 1788, in Pittsfield, Mass. After his mother's death three days after his birth and his father's remarriage in 1791, Sylvester was raised by his mother's relatives, and remained in Pittsfield when his father moved to New York a few years later. Sylvester was married in Pittsfield on Oct. 26, 1811, to Apama Root, born about 1792, daughter of Samuel and Tryphena (Sackett) Root. Apama died June 5, 1823, at Pittsfield, and Sylvester married on March 9, 1825, Malinda Brooks, born Feb. 12, 1796, daughter of Jabez and Phoebe (Dickinson) Brooks. He was described as an "itinerant preacher," and was active in Pittsfield's religious affairs. He died April 14, 1848, at Pittsfield, and Malinda died there on Feb. 5, 1866.

CHILDREN

(By Apama)

SAMUEL ROOT, born April 18, 1812; married Mary Hawley.

JANNETTE ROOT, born Sept. 6, 1814; married Charles Ward on Aug. 2, 1842.

DANIEL MILTON GRAHAM, born Oct. 25, 1818; no known marriage.

(By Malinda)

JAMES SYLVESTER, born Jan. 16, 1826; married Phoebe Curtis.

CHARLES THEODORE, born Feb. 2, 1828; married Mary Sharp.

WILLIAM HENRY, born Nov. 11, 1829; died July 9, 1830.

THERON FREDERICK, born June 2, 1832; died May 24, 1834.

MELANCTHON JACKSON, born Oct. 26, 1834; married Emma Wentworth.

SIDNEY HASKELL, born Nov. 27, 1836; married Elizabeth Barth.

HENRY HARVEY CHILDS, born Feb. 19, 1839; died unmarried Dec. 4, 1896, at Pittsfield.

132. JAMES HARVEY⁶ RATHBUN (James⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born about 1791 at Pittsfield, Mass., and moved with his parents as a boy to Marcellus, N.Y. He was married there on April 27, 1812, to Clorinda Pardee, born March 22, 1792, daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Lewis) Pardee. He served in the War of 1812 as a drummer under Lt. Col. Warren Hecox. Clorinda died July 26, 1827, and he married on Jan. 3, 1828, her sister, Lucy Pardee, born April 12, 1786, who helped him raise her sister's six children. James took over his father's fulling mill and clothing business near Marcellus. Lucy died Feb. 12, 1843, and James died five years later on April 4, 1848.

CHILDREN

JEROME, born about 1814; married Elvira Cole (or Fulsom).

JANETTE C., born about 1816; married Jonathan Piper on Feb. 9, 1840.

CORNELIA C., born about 1818; married Joseph C. Wilder.

LEGRAND, born about 1820; married Juliette Legg.

LORETTA, born about 1822; she was possibly the "Miss Rathburn" who married John DeLaFazelon on March 11, 1850, at Lysander, N.Y., near Marcellus.

ODELL, born about 1825; married Salmatious P. Barnum in 1845.

133. JONATHAN NILES⁶ RATHBONE (James⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Nov. 26, 1793, at Pittsfield, Mass., and moved with his parents as a boy to Marcellus, N.Y. He served in the War of 1812 under Captain Edward Burgess, and moved about 1833 to Illinois with his sister and brother-in-law, James and Charlotte (Rathbun) Hillebert. He settled in York Township, Clark County, and became a prominent citizen. He was Justice of the Peace for two years,

and then clerk of the Circuit Court. In 1836, he was a candidate for County Recorder. That same year, in connection with several others, he helped lay out the village of Auburn, and launched a drive to make it the county seat. One of his allies was his brother-in-law, James Hillebert. They lost the fight when the city of Marshall became county seat. Jonathan was married June 30, 1839, to Sarah Dolson, born Sept. 10, 1813, daughter of James and Susannah (Minier) Dolson. They had several children who all died in infancy. Jonathan died Feb. 7, 1847. He used the Rathbun spelling in early life, but apparently adopted the Rathbone spelling later. His gravemarker shows Rathbone. Sarah was still living in 1870, but her death date is not known.

134. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁶ RATHBUN (James⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Oct. 13, 1804, in Marcellus, N.Y. He lived in Skaneateles, N.Y., and in 1844 was married at Washington Mills, Oneida County, to Caroline Esther Case, born in 1818, ancestry unknown. They moved to Houghton County, Mich., by 1847, where he died sometime after 1850. He was a blacksmith. Caroline died in 1896 and is buried in Grand Rapids, Mich.

CHILDREN

LORETTE, born in 1845; married — Worms.

LEGRAND, born about 1849; alive in 1857; no further data.

135. WILLIAM R.⁶ RATHBUN (Benjamin⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born June 16, 1804, at Marcellus, N.Y., and married there about 1826 Cynthia Gunn, born in Feb. 1806, parentage unknown. She died Dec. 30, 1876, and William on Dec. 16, 1880, in Lysander Township.

CHILDREN

RENSSALAER, born in April, 1827; died Sept. 22, 1834.

ANN JENETTE, born about 1829; married J. Foster White.

MARY, born in June 1837; married Henry J. Dunham.

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136. REUBEN R.⁶ RATHBUN (Benjamin⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born in October 1808 at Marcellus, N.Y., and married there about 1830 Jane Gifford, born in 1808, daughter of David and Elizabeth Gifford. She died Sept. 23, 1835, leaving him with a four-year-old daughter. He was married again in the early 1840s to Harriet Ann Olcott, born in 1819, parentage unknown. Harriet died May 27, 1868, and Reuben died Nov. 12, 1893, both at Lysander, near Marcellus.

CHILDREN

(By Jane)

SARAH JANE, born in 1831; married Calvin W. Ware on Feb. 12, 1848.

(By Harriet)

BENJAMIN PHINNEAS, born March 18, 1845; married Elizabeth Bellinger.

137. JOHN⁶ RATHBONE (John⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born July 12, 1777, at Stonington, Conn., and moved with his father as a young man to New York City. He joined his father in the family mercantile business, and became an active partner and one of the major financiers of New York City. In 1823, he was elected to the New York State Legislature. He was especially interested in the canal movement of the 1820s, and in 1825, in partnership with Eleazer Lord, he raised \$400,000 for the Ohio Canal, and with John Jacob Astor he raised another \$400,000. He was one of the founders of the Bank of Commerce, and served on its first board of directors. He later served as a director of the Bank of the United States. In 1841, he was an honorary pallbearer at the funeral of President William Henry Harrison. John Rathbone died on August 13, 1842, leaving a fortune of some \$220,000 to relatives. He was never married. We are planning a story on his life and that of his father.

138. THOMAS WELLS⁶ RATHBONE (John⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Oct. 16, 1779, in Stonington, Conn., and moved with his parents as a young man to New York City. He attended Columbia College and was graduated in 1800 with a bachelor-of-arts degree. He married, on

March 11, 1802, Maria Hildreth Hawkins, born in 1781, daughter of John Hawkins and granddaughter of Admiral Hawkins of the English Navy. He was an ensign in the New York City Militia in 1804, and a lieutenant in 1805. His wife died at the age of 24 in 1805, leaving him with a two-year-old son. Apparently stricken with grief, he left the boy with relatives and took off for Ohio, where he was an early settler in Licking County and became a teacher. By 1815 he had moved to Hardin County, Kentucky, where he was an instructor in French and Latin at the Hardin Academy in Elizabethtown, and by 1815 was head of the Academy. On May 24, 1819, aged 40, he married Mary (Brooks LaRue) Enlow, a 53-year-old widow, and the midwife who later was present at the birth of Abraham Lincoln. (See story in our Oct. 1981 Historian.) He died in June or July of 1826 in Hardin County. His widow died in 1843.

CHILD

EDWARD BEVERLY, born in 1803; married Susan Matilda Whelton.

139. SAMUEL CARPENTER⁶ RATHBUN (Valentine⁵ John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born May 29, 1805, in Bridgewater, Mass., and married about 1824 Ruth S. Britton, born about 1805, parentage unknown. They moved to Troy, N.Y., where they were separated or divorced by 1840, and he moved to Vermont, leaving the children with Ruth. She apparently married a man named Harrison, and the children took the Harrison name. Ruth died in 1848 in New York City. Samuel was married in the 1850s in Vermont to Priscilla Griffin, born about 1810, daughter of Henry and Martha (Seaman) Griffin. Samuel died Nov. 30, 1871, at Readsboro, Vt. Priscilla was married two years later, on Nov. 26, 1873, to Abraham Stamford. She died Jan. 22, 1887.

CHILDREN (Surnamed Harrison?)

CHARLES T., born about 1824; died in the U.S. Navy.

SAMUEL CARPENTER, born about 1826; died unmarried in 1862.

LUCY ANN, born March 15, 1828; married Dennis McMahon Oct. 25, 1848.

140. VALENTINE WIGHTMAN⁶ RATHBUN (Valentine⁵ John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born Sept. 10, 1795, in Stonington, Conn. He moved to Troy, N.Y., where he married on Oct. 16, 1814, Lois Avery, born April 25, 1795, daughter of Amos and Eunice (Avery) Avery. He died Dec. 30, 1831, at Troy. Lois died in April 1854 at Buffalo, N.Y.

CHILDREN

JOHN AVERY, born July 1, 1816; married Emily Daniels.

MARIA LOIS, born Feb. 23, 1818; married Joseph B. Tracy.

HORACE A., born Dec. 28, 1821; married Agnes A. Thompson.

JANE, born about 1823; died young?

141. ARNON⁶ RATHBONE (David⁵ John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), born June 11, 1790, at Union, Conn. He moved as a young man to Scipio, N.Y., where he volunteered to serve as a drummer in the War of 1812. He married at Scipio on Feb. 1, 1816, Martha Ballard, born Oct. 29, 1790, parentage unknown. They lived for a time in Elmira, N.Y., then moved to Whitesville, Allegany County, and in the 1850s to Hebron, Pa., where he died August 13, 1863. Martha died July 2, 1874, at Wellsville, N.Y.

CHILDREN

JANE ANN, born March 13, 1817; married William Orville Tuttle on April 5, 1840.

DEWITT CLINTON, born Dec. 28, 1818; married Bridget Rogers.

NANCY PHILENA, born Jan. 11, 1820; married Charles Wells on Nov. 22, 1844.

MARY MALINDA, born Nov. 26, 1823; died Oct. 10, 1850 of consumption (tuberculosis).

HORACE MAINE, born Sept. 11, 1825; married Sarah Jane Estes.

ANN JENNETTE, born March 25, 1827; married F.W. Knox on Sept. 18, 1848.

JAMES DAVID, born Feb. 16, 1830; married Isadore Baldwin.

RHODA ELIZABETH, born April 20, 1835; married Charles Simmons on March 30, 1863.

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Mosher Memories, who said that there was only circumstantial evidence that Elizabeth's maiden name was Audley.

This evidence may have been nothing more than the fact that one of Nicholas' grandsons had named a son Audley. I checked early records, and found that this grandson, Hugh Mosher, had married Sarah Davol, whose parents were Jonathan Davol and Hannah Audley. This explains how the Audley name got into the Mosher family.

Evidence that Nicholas Mosher's wife was Elizabeth Rathbun is far more convincing. Here is what I have found:

1. Nicholas Mosher was a witness to the 1691 marriage on Block Island of his sister, Mary, to Joseph Rathbun. This places him on Block Island, possibly as a temporary resident. One of his brothers, James Mosher, was married there in 1704.

2. Nicholas and Elizabeth Mosher named their first son Hugh, for his father, and their next son Joseph, which was not a Mosher family name. It was, however, the name of Nicholas' brother-in-law, Joseph Rathbun, brother to Elizabeth. They then named their first daughter Mary, obviously for Nicholas' sister, Mary, who had married Joseph Rathbun. It is apparent that the two families were very close.

3. Nicholas and Elizabeth then named one of their sons Thomas, another name which does not appear among the early Moshers, but which was the name of Elizabeth Rathbun's older brother,

Thomas. Thomas Rathbun was the most prominent of John and Margaret Rathbun's sons, and five of their other seven children named sons Thomas.

4. Possibly the most impressive clue — Nicholas and Elizabeth Mosher named their five daughters Mary, Elizabeth, Mercy, Rebecca and Margaret. Joseph and Mary Rathbun named five of their seven daughters Mary, Elizabeth, Mercy, Rebecca and Margaret — the exact same list!

The marriage of Nicholas Mosher and Elizabeth Rathbun does not appear in the early Block Island records, but for a very simple reason. Marriages were usually recorded years after the actual wedding date, along with the births of a couple's children. Since Nicholas and Elizabeth did not live on Block Island, but moved to Dartmouth, Mass., and later to Tiverton, R.I., there would be no reason to record their marriage on Block Island! Unfortunately, there is no known record of their marriage in Dartmouth or Tiverton.

Nicholas Mosher died at Tiverton in 1747, and Elizabeth survived him, but her death date is not known. She was probably born about 1670, was married about 1688 or 1689, and would have been about 77 when her husband died.

I welcome any evidence or thoughts from our members which might help prove or disprove my theory that Elizabeth Rathbun married Nicholas Mosher.

(Next issue — A report on all three daughters of John and Margaret (Acres) Rathbun, and their families.)

New Data

Thankful Higgins, wife of Daniel⁴ Rathbun (William³⁻² John¹), was the daughter of Beriah and Desire (Cooke) Higgins. Our thanks to Chester F. Mack Jr., a descendant.

Penelope Rathbun, listed in our July 1982 issue as a possible daughter of Anthony⁴ Rathbun (Samuel³ Thomas² John¹), was more likely a daughter of Samuel⁵ Rathbun (Roger⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). She married (1) James S. Sherman, and (2) John W. Sherman).

Amos Rathbun, son of Jonathan⁵ Rathbun (John⁴⁻¹), had another son, Newman Caleb Rathbun, born about 1828, who married Elvira Edwards Feb. 26, 1852, in Crawford County, Ohio. They were apparently divorced, for she was married to Samuel Montgomery in 1856. Newman was living in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1870 with a wife named Eliza.

In our issue of April 1981, we reported that Mary Dickens, wife of Thomas² Rathbun (John¹), was the daughter of Nathaniel and Joan Dickens. It now seems likely that Joan, widow of a man named Tiler or Tyler, was Nathaniel Dickens' second or third wife, and that Mary was Nathaniel's daughter by an unknown earlier wife.

Mary Mosher, wife of Abraham³ Rathbun (Samuel² John¹), was the daughter of James Mosher and his first wife, Catherine Tosh. Mary was born about 1710.

Elsie, daughter of Edmund⁴ Rathbun (John³⁻²⁻¹), born probably about 1769, married Edward Robinson and was widowed by 1808, when she was living near her brother David in Athens County, Ohio. Her only known son was John C. Robinson, born in 1803 in Wood County, Va. (now West Virginia).

Reunions

Twenty-one Rathbun cousins held a "mini-reunion" in July at the home of William and Muriel (Rathbun) Mercer at Presque Ile, Mich. All were descendants of George Fox⁷ Rathbun (Joshua⁶ Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Rhode Island were all represented.

Some 30 Rhode Island Rathbuns and descendants gathered October 25 in Cranston to begin the organization of a state organization. Helen M. Rathbun sent out about 125 cards to "cousins" throughout the state. Mildred Rathbun was named as secretary. Other members of our Association who participated were Marjorie Raymond, Carol Rathbun, Anna Angelini, Doris Stoppa, Mary Champlin and Ellen Kenyon. A second meeting is planned for April.

Births

BORN — June 4, 1987, John David Rathbun, son of Hugh and Jane (Patterson) Rathbun of Waverley, Nova Scotia, Hugh is the son of George Maurice and Gerry Rathbun. The parents and grandparents are all members of our Association. George is the son of George⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Joseph⁷ Charles⁶ Amos⁵ John⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹).

BORN — Nov. 27, 1987, Marissa Sue Rathbun, daughter of Richard and Sue Rathbun of Rochester, Minn., and granddaughter of Lawrence and Irma Rathbun. Lawrence is the son of Arthur⁸ Rathbun (Byron⁷ Gamaliel⁶ Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹).

BORN — Oct. 1, 1987, David Ryan Korb, son of David and Margaret Kaye (Rathbun) Korb of Springfield, Mo. Margaret is the daughter of Loren and Mary Rathbun, and granddaughter of Arthur⁸ Rathbun (Byron⁷ Gamaliel⁶ Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹).

BORN — August 18, 1987, Daniel Charles Natseway, son of Donna Louise (Hartshorne) Natseway, and granddaughter of our member, Donna Cain and the late Charles Elmer Hartshorn, son of Rose Mary⁸ Rathbun (Allen⁷ Joshua⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹) and Frank William Hartshorn.

BORN — January 20, 1987, Breanne Lynn Rathbun, daughter of William and Betty Rathbun, of Ilion, N.Y., members of our Association, and granddaughter of Mrs. Marion Rathbun and the late John William¹⁰ Rathbun (Joel⁹ George⁸ Levant⁷ Williams⁶⁻⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John²).

BORN — March 19, 1987, Rachel Renee Burns, daughter of Charles and Linda (Zimmerman) Burns of Mazeppa, Minn., and granddaughter of our members Russell and Meryl (Rathbun), Zimmerman. Meryl is the daughter of Henry⁸ Rathbun (Clarence⁷ Job⁶⁻⁵ William⁴ Job³ Joseph² John¹).

BORN — Sept. 22, 1987, Darby Clay Rathbone, son of Jeffrey and Julie Rathbone, of Austin, Texas, and grandson of Lemuel and Bettye Rathbone. The parents and grandparents are all members of our Association. Lemuel is the son of Lemuel⁹ Rathbone (Rufus⁸ George⁷ Rufus⁶ Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Earlier, Lemuel and Bettye had another grandchild, Kary Patricia Bird, born August 11 to Jimmy and Kodie Bird. Jimmy is Bettye's son by a previous marriage.

BORN — Oct. 3, 1987, Zane Maurice Rathbun, son of Philip and Cindy Rathbun of Moore, Idaho. Philip is the son of our members Wayne and Mildred Rathbun. Wayne is the son of Clark Rathbun (John⁷⁻⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

People

DAVID G. RATHBUN and Carol D. Clancy were married May 30, 1987, in Fairfax, Va. His twin brother, Daniel, flew in from Cairo, Egypt, to be the best man. David, Daniel and their father, Daniel B. Rathbun, are all members of our Association. The elder Daniel is the son of George⁸ Rathbun (Daniel⁷ Greene⁶⁻⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

JOHN PHILLIP RATHBUN of South Pasadena, Calif., was married August 8, 1987, to Melinda Merrill. His sister, Mary Walsh Rathbun, was married six weeks later, on September 21, to Mircea Metes, in Romania. The couple has adopted the name of Metes-Rathbun. John and Mary are children of Jeanne Rathbun and our member John W. Rathbun, a son of Wilbert⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Elias⁷ Henry⁶ Gideon⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

Laura Jane Rathbun and Bradley Aarestad were married April 4, 1987, at Kennewick, Washington. She is the daughter of Monty Wayne Rathbun and granddaughter of our members, Wayne and Mildred Rathbun. Wayne is the son of Clark⁸ Rathbun (John⁷⁻⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

AVANELLE RATHBUN and Delmont Jones celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary last June 12 in their home at Barnard, Kansas. We overlooked the Joneses at our reunion last August in our recognition of the longest-married couples present. Avanelle is the daughter of Newton⁸ Rathbun (Elon⁷ John⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

MERYL RATHBUN and Russell Zimmerman celebrated their 40th wedding last August in DeWitt, Neb. Meryl and Russ, members of our Association, were married August 24, 1947, in DeWitt, with her twin sister, Beryl Beerstrauch, and husband, Ervin, as attendants. The Zimmermans have two married children and five grandchildren. They live on land purchased by Meryl's great-grandfather, Job Rathbun, more than 110 years ago. Meryl and Beryl are daughters of Henry⁸ Rathbun (Clarence⁷ Job⁶⁻⁵ William⁴ Job³ Joseph² John¹).

MILTON AND ELIZABETH RATHBUN of Waupon, Wisc., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last June 20, and it was an event they will long remember. They had hoped for a small get-together with some of their children and the original wedding party, and were somewhat taken aback when many said they would not be available. Arriving at a local restaurant for what they thought would be a small dinner, they were escorted to a special room where they found all their children and dozens of relatives and close friends waiting to celebrate with them. The children had planned it for months. Milton is the son of Winfred⁹ Rathbun (Dutee⁸ George⁷ Joshua⁶ Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

JUDY RATHBUN WHITNEY of Saratoga, California, is gaining fame in the art world. Judy, a member of our Association, is a professional artist. Last year one of her paintings of a white teddy bear called Elliott, the Professional Bear, was selected by the noted Gordon Fraser greeting-card company, of England, for one of their 1987 Christmas cards. Elliott will be featured on a series of 21 cards in the coming year. Judy is the daughter of Douglas⁹ Rathbun (Leonard⁸⁻⁷ Calvin⁶ Samuel⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹).

Obituaries

DIED — October 15, 1987, at Minneapolis, Minn., Russell Blaine Rathbun, aged 98. He was the son of James⁸ Rathbun (Enoch⁷ Caleb⁶ Robert⁵ Jeremiah⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹). Survivors include his daughter, Rosemary Hannah; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He served as a major in the 351st Infantry in France during World War I, later served in the Minnesota State Guard, and retired as a brigadier general. He was a banker much of his life, serving as Minnesota State Banking Commissioner in 1922. He later became an investment broker, working until he was 91.

DIED — September 28, 1987, at Palo Alto, Calif., Harry John Rathbun, aged 93. He was the son of Charles Gail⁸ Rathbun (Harmon⁷ John⁶ Clark⁵ Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), and a member of our Association. He is survived by his wife, Emelia; two children, Richard Rathbun and Juana Mueller; three grandchildren, and a sister, Florence Harelton. Harry Rathbun came from long-lived stock. His mother died at 90, and his father at 92. His two twin brothers each lived to 89. His sister is 90. (See our Historian of April 1984 for the story of his long and fascinating life.)

DIED — October 17, 1987, at Oxford, N.Y., Willard Westcott Rathbone, aged 78, a member of our Association. He was the son of Howard Betts⁸ Rathbone (Peter⁷ Elijah⁶ Moses⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Tamasin Grace and Mrs. Mary King, and a brother, Perry T. Rathbone, also an Association member.

DIED — September 28, 1987, at Texarkana, Texas, Mrs. Virgie Ethel (Newsome) Rathburn, five weeks before her 98th birthday. She was the widow of Charles Milton⁹ Rathburn (Joseph⁸ Aaron⁷ Joseph⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Survivors include three daughters, Virgie, Edith and Eva; 18 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 48 great-great-grandchildren.

DIED — December 15, 1987, at Hemet, Calif., Mrs. Dorothy (Rathbun) Wegelin, aged 60. She was the daughter of John Keller⁹ Rathbun (John⁸ William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). A member of our Association, she is survived by her husband, Herman; two sons, three grandchildren, and a brother, Robert Ramsey Rathbun, also an Association member.

DIED — October 25, 1987, at Galion, Ohio, David D. Rathburn, aged 79. He was a son of Jesse⁹ Rathburn (Julius⁸ Sereno⁷ Elijah⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹). He is survived by a son, Dale Rathburn, and three daughters, Joan Jaegger, Jane Seitz and Judy Smith. His wife, Corinne, died in 1986.

DIED — September 5, 1987, at Cookeville, Tenn., Mrs. Gladys Irene (Rathbun) Maxon, aged 90. She was the daughter of Norman Dwight⁸ Rathburn (Orlo⁷ Norman⁶ John⁵ Roger⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹), and the widow of Cleon C. Maxon. Survivors include a son, Cleon Maxon Jr., three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

DIED — July 6, 1987, at the Madison (Wisc.) Veterans Hospital, Robert R. Drew, aged 60. He was the son of Harry R. Drew and Hazel Florence⁹ Rathburn (William⁸ Valentine⁷ Saxton⁶⁻⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He was a professional photographer and a member of our Association. Survivors include his wife, Eva, and a sister, Jane Wyckoff, also a member of our Association.

DIED — Dec. 2, 1987, at Detroit, Mich., June Lorraine Rathbone, aged 59. She was the daughter of Samuel Brown⁸ Rathbone (Valleau⁷ Samuel⁶ William⁵ Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). She is survived by two nephews and two nieces. She was married over 30 years ago, but was divorced, had no children, and resumed the use of her maiden name.

DIED — October 2, 1987, at Washington, Pa., Glenn R. Chivers Jr., aged 66. He was the son of Glenn R. Chivers and Lillis⁹ Rathburn (Orestus⁸ David⁷ Lewis⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Among his survivors is a brother, James Chivers, a member of our Association.

DIED — October 18, 1987, at Corona, Calif., Robert C. Rathbone, aged 88. He was the son of Edward⁷ Rathbone (Thomas⁶ Jonathan⁵ Coggeshall⁴ Abraham³ Samuel² John¹). A retired mail carrier, he had celebrated his 69th wedding anniversary six weeks before his death. He is survived by his wife, Mabel; two sons, Kenneth Gordon Rathbone and Keith M. Rathbone, both members of our Association; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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BETTYE RATHBONE of Austin, Texas, has sent us a copy of a 1943 book, "He's in the Paratroops Now," written by A.D. Rathbone IV, son of Alfred Day⁸ Rathbun (Alfred⁷⁻⁶ Amos⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). We urge all members to send us any books or articles they find which were written by or about Rathbuns, Rathbones or Rathburns.

MARSHA MAGLEY was elected last October to the board of directors of the Kansas State Historical Society. She is the wife of Frederick D. Magley, a great-grandson of Elvira Sophia⁶ (Rathbun) Tippie (Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

JOAN (RATHBUN) BETZOLD of Bel Air, Maryland, has been named vice-president of professional services for MWB Associates of Vienna, Va. Joan, who holds a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Maryland, formerly operated her own consulting firm. She is the daughter of William¹¹ Rathbun (Walter¹⁰ Francis⁹ Albert⁸ Stephen⁷ James⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴ Ebenezer³ William² John¹). Joan and her father are both members of our Association.

DANIEL RATHBUN, a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University, has been awarded a \$5,000 academic fellowship for graduate studies in political science at Western Michigan University, in Kalamazoo. Daniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rathbun and grandson of Bertrand⁹ Rathbun (Ross⁸ Francis⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

SANDY K. RATHBUN has joined the law firm of Spencer, Fane, Britt and Browne, with offices in Kansas City, Mo., and Overland Park, Kan. She was graduated last May from the Northwestern University School of Law, and was earlier a 1984 Phi Kappa Phi graduate of Kansas State University. She is the daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Rathbun of Ellsworth, Kan., and granddaughter of Melancthon⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Rowland⁷ Acors⁶⁻⁵ Joshua⁵⁻³ John²⁻¹).

MERLE AND ARLINE COX became grandparents for the first time last year, and they now have three grandchildren! Ryan Vernon Cox was born June 22 to their son Mark and his wife, Sheri, of Harrisburg, Ore. Brandon Leslie Vaughan and Dustin Layne Vaughn (twins) were born August 11 to their daughter, Lauren DeAnne (Cox) Vaughan, and her husband Daniel of Cheshire, Ore. Merle is the son of Clarence Cox and Jessie Aurelia⁹ Rathbun (Thomas⁸ Alonzo⁷ Thomas⁶ Russell⁵ Simeon⁴ Thomas³ John²⁻¹).

ROBERT B. WILLIS of South Easton, Mass., may have a record number of Rathbun ancestors. He has traced 10 lines of Rathbun descent back to four of the eight children of John and Margaret (Acres) Rathbun — sons Thomas, William and Samuel, and daughter Margaret, who married Thomas Mitchell. He is also descended from many other early Block Island families, including the Dodges, Littlefields, Paines, Motts, Balls, Dunns, Roses, Sheffields and Dickenses.

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