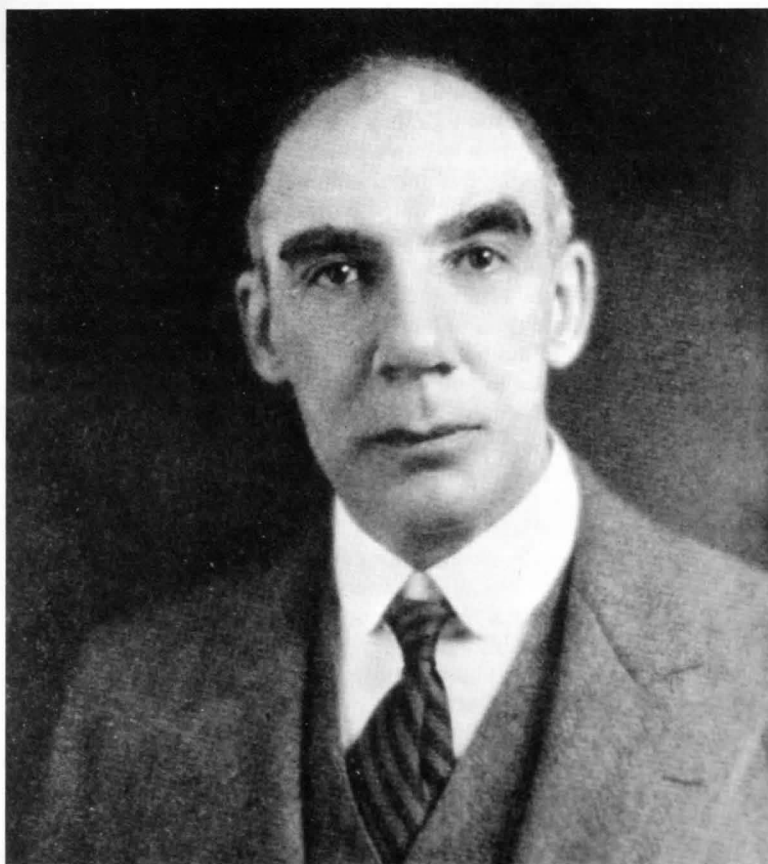


Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn
FAMILY
HISTORIAN



Henry Riggs Rathbone
(1870-1928)

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

Letter from the Editor

With this issue, you are receiving information and registration forms for our fifth national reunion, to be held July 21 through 25 in Springfield, Illinois. We are looking forward to an interesting and enjoyable time (see story on next page), and are hoping for a big turnout.

As I write this in early January, some 80 of last year's 567 members have failed to renew. We will be sending them each a letter, and hope that many of them will only need a reminder to pay their dues. We are still trying to reach a goal of 600 members.

Our obituary column is longer than usual this month, with many members reporting the deaths of loved ones. Among them was Sadie (Rathbun) Webster, who was our oldest member at 97 years. With her death, that honor now falls to Oliver N. Rathbun, of Springfield, N.Y., who celebrated his 95th birthday in December.

In this issue is our annual financial report, which shows us entering our eleventh year with a balance of about \$240. This is lower than normal, and results primarily from the more than \$3,000 cost of printing and mailing the Index to our 1987-88 Historians. We also suffered a net loss of \$228 from the loss of membership checks, as reported in our past issues.

My sincere thanks to the several members who included an extra \$5 or \$10 to their membership checks this year, to help us make up this loss. Hazel

and I also send our thanks to all the Association members who sent us Christmas cards and helped brighten our holiday season.

This issue, unintentionally, became somewhat political, with the stories of Congressman Henry R. Rathbone, other family members who served in Congress, and the article on our many ancestors and cousins who were elected to their State Legislatures, or to the offices of mayor, village president or township supervisor.

Our secretary, Donna Lyons, has proved to be a Godsend in the past few months. She took over the job of recording the flood of membership renewals, new members, gift memberships and address changes. She is also pulling the cards of members who have not renewed, and will be sending reminder letters to all of them.

For the first time in 10 years, I have not had to spend days on this annual task, and have had more time to do what I enjoy — researching and writing for the Historian.

As this New Year gets under way, let us all hope and pray that reason, understanding and common sense will prevail in the Middle East crisis, and that our thousands of young men and women in that troubled part of the world will not suffer the horrors and agony of another needless war.

For the benefit of new members and as a reminder to old members, let me again urge you all to join in the task of collecting family data. If you haven't already done so, send us all your family records, down to the present. Watch newspapers for any mention of Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns — obituaries, weddings, births, news items of any kind.

Hazel and I send our warm regards to you all, and hope to see many of you next July in Springfield.



Accident Victims Find True Friends

Richard and Joan Rathbun of Smith Center, Kansas, learned the true meaning of friendship last summer, after they and their grandchildren were injured in a traffic accident.

Richard is the son of Otis⁹ Rathbun (Porter⁸ John⁷⁻⁶ Robert⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). He and Joan operate a wheat farm near Smith Center.

On June 12, Richard's car was hit by a pickup truck near their home. Richard and Joan were severely injured, and were taken to a hospital in Wichita, along with their three grandchildren, Patricia, Joshua and Natasha Conway.

Richard suffered a ruptured spleen, while Joan had a cracked pelvis and bruised lung. The three children had lesser injuries. The other driver and his passenger were also hurt, but not seriously.

The accident came just two weeks before the Rathbun wheat was ready to be harvested, but he was unable to do any work. That is where the friendship came in.

On July 2, several dozen friends and neighbors arrived at the Rathbun farm with a dozen combines and several trucks. The ripened wheat was quickly harvested and hauled to storage.

Past Issues Still Available

All issues, 1981-1990	\$155
All issues, 1981	22
All issues, 1982	20

All issues for any single year from 1983 to 1990 are available at \$15 per year. Single copies of any 1983-1990 issue are \$4 each. Single issues for 1981 or 1982 (some available only in xerox) range from \$2 to \$5 depending on our supply. Write if interested.

The Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn Family Historian is published quarterly by the Rathbun Family Association at 11308 Popes Head Road, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

(703) 278-8512

Frank H. Rathbun

Editor & Publisher

ISSN 0737-7711

'Lincoln Connection' Is Theme of 1991 Springfield Reunion

Our plans are just about completed for the Association's Fifth National Family Reunion, to be held in Springfield, Illinois, from July 21 through 25.

The theme of the reunion will be "The Lincoln Connection," in recognition of the many links with our family to Abraham Lincoln, beginning with the midwife who presided at his birth. She later married a Rathbone, and was known as "Grandma Rathbone" until her death.

Later, Lincoln attended grade school with a girl who was to marry a Rathbone, and that girl's father helped him obtain his first job when he left home.

In Springfield, where he lived for many years, one of the Lincoln's neighbors, and later Mrs. Lincoln's close friend, was the widow of a Rathbun.

To top off the strange series of family connections, when Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, his companions in the presidential box at Ford's Theater included still another Rathbone, the last man to speak with Lincoln.

All these events were outlined in our Historian of October 1981. Our next issue will have complete details and an update on the many Rathbun/Rathbone-Lincoln connections.

The reunion will begin Sunday, July 21, with registration at the Inn from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a get-acquainted reception and buffet dinner.

On Monday, we have planned a bus and walking tour of Springfield's Historic Area, with visits to Lincoln's home, law office and tomb, as well as other interesting sites. That evening, we will have a dinner, with special guest, Jennie Brown, who will present a one-woman show based on the letters of Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. Included will be correspondence with Hannah Shearer, a Springfield neighbor of the Lincolns and a close friend of Mrs. Lincoln. Mrs. Shearer was the remarried widow of Edward Rathbun.

Tuesday's agenda features a bus trip to the reconstructed town of Old Salem, 25 miles from Springfield, where Lincoln lived for six years as a young man. The log-cabin village has 23 authentically reproduced buildings, and looks much as it did in Lincoln's day. In the evening, after dinner, we will attend the Great American People Show, an outdoor presentation based on Lincoln's life.

Wednesday morning has been set aside for our traditional Family Memorabilia Display. All attendees are urged to bring along their treasured family heirlooms — pictures, bibles, papers, antiques, etc. to share with their cousins. In the afternoon, there will be a genealogical seminar for those interested, and free time for leisure, shopping or exploration for the others.

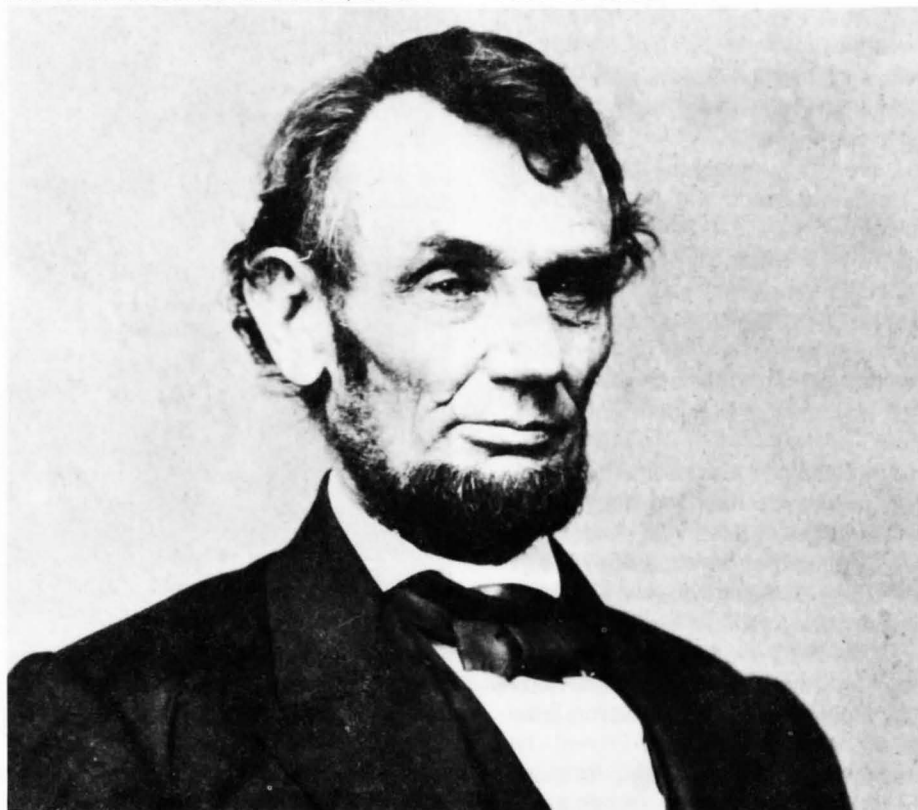
On Wednesday evening, we will gather for the reunion's final event, a ban-

quet, introductions, awards and a presentation by Harry Hahn, an amazing Lincoln "look-alike." Harry is six foot four inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, and has size 11 shoes — exactly the same statistics as Lincoln, to whom he bears an uncanny resemblance. He was born on April 14, 1934, the 69th anniversary of the day Lincoln was killed.

His one-man show will cover highlights of Lincoln's life, including some of the Rathbone-Rathbun connections.

The Wednesday night banquet will formally end the reunion, with Thursday reserved for saying goodbye and packing up for home.

The package enclosed with this Historian includes registration forms to reserve your hotel rooms, and to sign up with us for the reunion. Please read the instructions carefully, and note the deadline dates.



Henry Riggs Rathbone Serves in U.S. Congress 1922-1928

One Rathbun and one Rathbone have served as members of the United States Congress. The first was George Rathbun, whose career was covered in our Historians of October 1986 and January 1987. The second was Henry Riggs Rathbone, whose story is presented here.

Henry Riggs Rathbone was born Feb. 12, 1870, in Washington, D.C., the oldest son of our family's most tragic figure — Major Henry Reed Rathbone. (Major Rathbone and his fiancée, Clara Harris, were with President and Mrs. Lincoln on the night of Lincoln's assassination. Major Rathbone later went mad, killed his wife, and died in a mental institution. See our Historian of October 1981).

Young Henry Riggs Rathbone was nearly 14 at the time of his mother's death, and was old enough to absorb the full shock of the tragedy. He and his younger brother and sister, Gerald and Clara, were raised by their mother's relatives.

With such memories, their teen years could not have been very happy. Henry was a bright boy, however, and was given every opportunity for a good life. He definitely made the most of his chances.

Henry was especially influenced by stories of his maternal grandfather, Ira Harris (1802-1875), who was a successful attorney, law professor, U.S. Senator from New York, and a close friend and strong supporter of President Abraham Lincoln.

Henry Rathbone also decided upon a career in law. He attended the prestigious Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., where he was graduated in 1887 at the age of 17. He then enrolled at Yale University and received his bachelor's degree in 1892. For his legal studies, he chose the University of Wisconsin, and was graduated there in 1894 with his law degree.

He moved to Chicago, where he was admitted to the Bar in 1895, and

launched his legal career. On Dec. 22, 1903, he was married to Laura Lucille Harney, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a beautiful and talented woman. She was a singer, poet and novelist, and had several of her works printed.

The newlyweds settled down in Chicago, where Henry had developed a prospering law practice. He had also become active in local Republican Party politics, and in 1916 was named a delegate to the Republican National Convention. The party chose Charles E. Hughes to oppose the incumbent president, Woodrow Wilson.

Rathbone campaigned hard for Hughes, but Wilson won the election, primarily on the basis of his promise to keep the country out of World War I,

then raging in Europe. The United States entered the war five months after the election.

Henry continued his law practice and his Republican Party activities for the next few years, and found time to lecture at law schools throughout the country. Then, at the age of 52, he decided to run for public office, again following in the footsteps of his grandfather Harris.

In 1922, he entered the race for Congressman-at-large from Illinois, and was elected that November with a big margin. He won reelection in 1924 with an 844,000-vote victory, and was easily elected again in 1926.

He was nominated in 1928 for a fourth term, but fell ill that summer and died on July 15, 1928, four months before the



Congressman Henry Riggs Rathbone is pictured in a photograph taken in the middle 1920s, as he spoke at the dedication of Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

election. His widow lived another 26 years, and died Feb. 25, 1954, in St. Petersburg, Florida. They never had children.

Henry Rathbone must have been an effective and popular congressman, based on his easy renominations and reelections. He was not, however, a controversial or outspoken figure, as was Congressman George Rathbun.

Understandably, Rathbone was deeply interested in Abraham Lincoln, and was especially intrigued that both he and Lincoln were born on February 12.

Henry was the sponsor of legislation to make Ford's Theatre, site of the Lincoln Assassination, a national monument, and was the main speaker when the restored theatre was dedicated. (See accompanying picture).

He was considered an effective writer and public speaker. On Lincoln's Birthday (and his own) in 1924, he delivered what the press called "a most eloquent eulogy on Lincoln" before the House of Representatives. When he finished, "almost the entire membership rushed toward him, extending their congratulations."

In 1928, a few months before his death, Rathbone wrote a story on the Lincoln assassination for the Progressive Magazine. He entitled it "The Greatest Tragedy of American History."

In the article, he stressed the fact that his father accompanied the Lincolns to Ford's theater "not as a bodyguard but merely as a social guest. He was unarmed and not even in military uniform," Congressman Rathbone wrote.

As an example of his writing style, the following paragraph is taken from his magazine article:

"It was amid the tinsel and plaster and painting, the mirth and laughter, of a theater that the most dreadful calamity that ever befell this Nation took place. So it is in Shakespeare: the chatter and folly and banter of clowns often precedes the stormy passions and death agonies of heroes and heroines. And so it is in human life: sorrow follows close upon laughter, and death lays his icy hand on the great in the midst of their triumphs and power."

In addition to George Rathbun and Henry Riggs Rathbone, several other

members of the United States Congress had connections to our family.

PETER GODWIN VAN WINKLE (1808-1872), was born in New York City, and in 1831 was married to Juliette Rathbone, daughter of William⁵ Rathbone (Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Van Winkle became an attorney and moved as a young man to Parkersburg, Virginia. He became president of the town council, treasurer and then president of the Northwestern Virginia Railroad Company, and was a delegate to the West Virginia Constitutional Convention in 1861, when the western part of Virginia broke away and formed a new state. He became a member of the West Virginia legislature, and in 1863, when West Virginia became a state, he was elected a United States Senator, serving until 1869. In 1868, when the Senate voted on the impeachment conviction of President Andrew Johnson, he was one of the few Republican senators who broke with their party and voted to acquit Johnson. (See our Historian of April 1990).

MARCUS AURELIUS SMITH (1851-1924), was born in Kentucky, and was married about 1881 to Elizabeth May Rathbun, daughter of Erskine⁷ Rathbun (Joseph⁶ Clark⁵ Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). He became an attorney, moved to California, and then to Tombstone, Arizona, where he served as prosecuting attorney in 1882. He was elected as territorial delegate to the United States House of Representatives in 1887 and held that post for 12 of the next 16 years. In 1912, when Arizona became a state, he was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate, where he served until 1921. After his senate term, he was a member of the International Joint Committee on United States-Canadian Boundary Waters.

See Corrections 11-4 p 61

JOSEPH CLIFFORD HENDRIX (1835-1904), was born in Missouri but moved East to attend Cornell University. He then went to Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was a reporter and later editor of the New York Sun. In 1875, he was married to Mary Alice Rathbun, daughter of Abel⁷ Rathbun (Abel⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Jonathan³

John²⁻¹). He was elected in 1882 to the Brooklyn Board of Education and became its president in 1887. From 1886 to 1890, he was postmaster of Brooklyn. He was elected to the U.S. Congress as a Democrat in 1893, served one term, and retired. He later became president of the **National Bank of Congress**.

JOHN RATHBONE RAMSEY (1862-1933), was born in New Jersey, the son of John Post Ramsey and Martha⁷ Rathbone (John Valteau⁶ William⁵ Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). She was a niece of Juliette Rathbone, who married Senator Peter G. Van Winkle. Ramsey became a lawyer, served as county clerk of Bergen County, N.J., from 1895 to 1910, and was elected to Congress as a Republican in 1917. He was reelected in 1919 but defeated in 1921. He later became a brick manufacturer.

THOMAS YARDLEY HOW JR. (1808-1860), was born in New Jersey, son of Rev. Thomas Yardley How Sr., and stepson of How's third wife, Mary Maria Rathbone, daughter of Amos⁵ Rathbun (Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). The younger How became an attorney, served as inspector of Auburn Prison, 1834-38, Surrogate of Cayuga County, N.Y., 1836-1840, and was elected to Congress in 1851 as a Democrat. He served one term, and then was elected mayor of Auburn. He later was president of the Lake Ontario, Auburn and New York Railroad.

JOHN GANSON (1818-1874), was born in New York, the stepson of Israel⁶ Rathbone (Moses⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). He was an attorney, and served in the U.S. House of Representatives from New York as a Democrat from 1863 to 1865.

SANDY K. RATHBUN and Matthew Knight, both of Manhattan Beach, California, were married October 6 at Ellsworth, Kansas. She is the daughter of our members Glenn and Eunice Rathbun of Ellsworth, and the granddaughter of Melancthon⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Rowland⁷ Acors⁶ Joshua⁵⁻³ John²⁻¹). Sandy is an attorney and her new husband is with Paramount Pictures in Hollywood. They spent their honeymoon in Greece.

Many Family Members Held Top State or Local Offices

This is the story of our family members who have held the highest elective offices in their communities and states — mayors of cities, presidents of villages and supervisors of townships, and members of state legislatures.

In the early days of America, there was a political system far closer to true democracy than that we know today. Men (and an occasional woman) were elected to office by voters who often knew the candidates personally, and certainly knew what they stood for.

Honesty, intelligence and moral character were the basis for judging candidates. There were no public opinion polls, image-makers, political consultants or professional politicians. Office-holders were not paid large salaries, nor did they have lucrative expense accounts and other "perks" of office.

Candidates ran for public office to serve their fellow citizens, and their primary reward was the prestige and public esteem that came with the job.

That is not to say that elections were unexciting. Candidates did campaign. There were public debates and stump speeches. There was name-calling, mud-slinging and even fisticuffs. But when the voting was over, the public could usually count on elected officials who were truly the "cream of the crop."

And that means that the Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns listed below had truly earned the respect of their fellow citizens.

MEMBERS OF STATE LEGISLATURES

ABEL RATHBUN (1810-1893), son of Abel⁶ Rathbun (Abel⁵ John⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Connecticut General Assembly from 1840 to 1850.

See Corrections 11-3 p 45
Add Clarence Mortimer Rathbun

AMOS RATHBUN (1762-1823), son of Amos⁴ Rathbun (Joshua³ John²⁻¹). New York State Legislature 1804-1807. Earlier served as township supervisor.

CHARLES ADDISON RATHBUN (1867-1927), son of Amos⁷ Rathbun (Asa⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹). New Jersey State Senate for several years beginning in 1913; served as Republican majority floor leader in 1916.

CLARENCE POST RATHBUN (1878-1962), son of Isaiah⁷ Rathbun (Christopher⁶ Jonathan⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Connecticut General Assembly for several years in the 1920s.

DR. DOUGLAS JOSEPH RATHBUN (1900-1989), son of Leonard⁸ Rathbun (Leonard⁷ Calvin⁶ Samuel⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹). Republican member of the Connecticut General Assembly for several terms in the 1950s.

DWIGHT G. RATHBUN (1829-1905), son of Gamaliel⁶ Rathbun (Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹). Republican member of the Minnesota State Legislature 1875-1878. Was earlier a local constable, justice of the peace and school board member.



Dwight G. Rathbun
(1829-1905)

EDWARD WALTER RATHBUN (1865-1940), son of Edward⁷ Rathbun (Hugo⁶ Edward⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Member of the Ontario Provincial Legislature 1905-1908.

ELMER JEREMIAH RATHBUN (1870-1952), son of James⁷ Rathbun (Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Republican member of the Rhode Island General Assembly 1897-1909. Also served as local and state judge and as a member of the R.I. Supreme Court.

ESTES G. RATHBONE (1847-1926), son of Horace⁷ Rathbone (Aaron⁶ David⁵ John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Republican member of the Ohio State Legislature 1887-1889; later Assistant United States Postmaster General.

GEORGE BENJAMIN RATHBUN (1833-1889), son of Martin⁶ Rathbun (Joshua⁵⁻⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Member of the Connecticut General Assembly in 1883.

GEORGE SEARS RATHBONE (1789-1869), son of Joshua⁵ Rathbun (Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Member of the Rhode Island General Assembly, years not known.

JAMES COLBURN RATHBONE (1881-1983), son of David⁶ Rathbone (Nathan⁵ Amos⁴ Thomas³⁻² John¹). Member of the New Hampshire General Court 12 years in the 1940s and 1950s.

JOHN RATHBUN (1629-1702), our immigrant ancestor. Served in the Rhode Island General Assembly 1681-1686). Also held various local offices on Block Island.

JOHN RATHBUN JR. (1655-1723), son of the first John. Served in the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1696.

JOHN RATHBONE JR. (1777-1842), son of John⁵ Rathbone (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Member of the New York General Assembly for several years beginning in 1823. He was a prominent merchant and financier in New York City.

JOHN TOBY RATHBUN (1810-1893), son of John Zacheus⁵ Rathbun (Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Member of the New York General Assembly 1845-1848. Earlier a member of the county board of supervisors.

JOSEPH SHARP RATHBUN (1797-1866), son of Clark⁵ Rathbun (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Served in the California State Legislature 1855-56 as a member of the American Party (called the "No-Nothings"). Earlier was the first elected mayor of Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

LAZARUS STEWART RATHBUN (1789-1875 +), son of Joseph⁵ Rathbun (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Member of the New York State General Assembly 1824-25.

MILTON E. RATHBURN (1860-1927), son of Joseph⁸ Rathburn (Elisha⁷ Daniel⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹). Member of the Ohio State Senate for several years beginning in 1906.



*Milton E. Rathburn
(1860-1927)*

REV. NELSON RATHBUN (1814-1893), son of John⁶ Rathbun (Clark⁵ Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Member of the first Iowa State Legislature in 1846.

NORRIS WHEELER RATHBUN (1848-1922), son of Norris⁵ Rathbun (Thomas⁵⁻⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹).

Member of the Connecticut General Assembly in 1899. Earlier a member of the local board of education.

OLIVER P. RATHBUN (1833-1916), son of Jeremiah⁵ Rathbun (Jeremiah⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹). Member of the Oklahoma State Legislature 1893-4.

OSCAR J. RATHBUN (1832-1892), son of Aaron⁶ Rathbun (Aaron⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹). Member of the Rhode Island General Assembly 1880-82. Lieutenant-governor of the state 1883-85.

PHILANDER RATHBUN (1764-1844), son of Daniel⁴ Rathbun (Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Member of the Massachusetts State Legislature 1805-6.

SAMUEL RATHBUN (1705-1780), son of Samuel² Rathbun (John¹). Member of the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1744. Also held a number of local offices on Block Island.

THOMAS RATHBUN (1657-1733), son of the first John Rathbun. Served in the Rhode Island General Assembly from 1699 to 1705, and again in 1711, 1716-17 and 1730. Also held a number of local offices on Block Island.

VALENTINE WIGHTMAN RATHBUN (1724-1814), son of Joshua³ Rathbun (John²⁻¹). Member of the Massachusetts General Court during the Revolutionary War. Also held several local offices.

WAIT RATHBUN JR. (1773-1847), son of Wait⁴ Rathbun (Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Member of the Vermont State Legislature 1821-22.

WALTER RATHBUN (1734-1818), son of Samuel³ Rathbun (Samuel² John¹). Member of the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1774. Served as Block Island's town clerk for over 50 years.

WILLIAM A. RATHBUN (1868-1946), son of John⁷ Rathbun (Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Member of the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1889.

MAYORS AND VILLAGE PRESIDENTS

ALBERT EUGENE RATHBUN (1842-1879), son of Stephen⁷ Rathbun (James⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴ Ebenezer³ William² John¹). Village president of Norwich, N.Y., 1877-78.

ARTHUR BARKER RATHBONE (1837-1892), son of Laurin⁶ Rathbun (Daniel⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Village president of Oakfield, N.Y., in 1874-5, 1877 and 1881. Earlier a town supervisor.

ARTHUR HARRISON RATHBUN (1892-1965), son of John⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Mayor of Manville, Wyoming, for a number of years until his death.

BENJAMIN RATHBUN (1790-1873), son of Moses⁵ Rathbun (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Village president of Buffalo, N.Y., in 1827.

CHAUNCEY MANLEY RATHBUN (1867-1938), son of Bryon⁷ Rathbun (Levant⁶ Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹). Mayor of Fredonia, N.Y., years not known.



*Chauncey M. Rathbun
(1867-1938)*

EDMUND RATHBUN (1861-1917), son of Edmund⁷ Rathbone (Gideon⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Mayor of Ronan, Montana, in 1912.

EDWARD WILKES RATHBUN (1842-1903), son of Hugo⁶ Rathbun (Edward⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). First mayor of Deseronto, Ontario, from 1889 until his death.

EMMA MONTANA (SMITH) RATHBUN (1902-1981), wife of Robert Bean Rathbun (1898-1958), son of Clarence⁷ Rathbun (Guy⁶ Amiziah⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Mayor of Clark's Fork, Idaho, 1964-1974. Earlier a member of the city council.

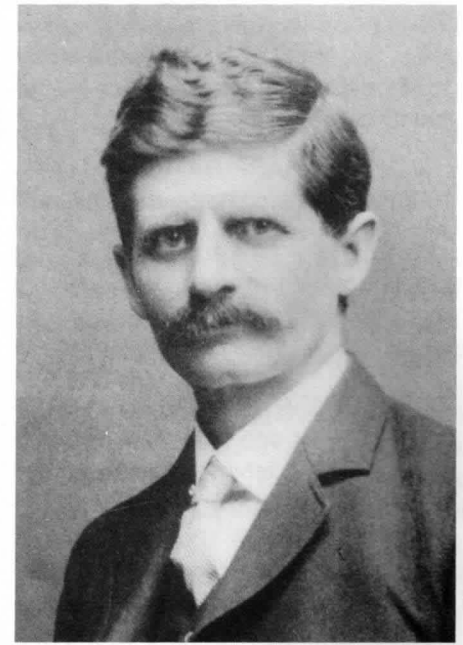
(Continued on page 8)



Frank M. Rathbun
(1844-1893)



J. Mortimer Rathbone
(1853-1916)



James Allen Rathbun
(1857-1933)

FAY POTTER RATHBUN (1851-1931), son of William⁶ Rathbun (Job⁵ William⁴ Job³ Joseph² John¹). Mayor of Hornellsville, N.Y., in 1896.

FRANK M. RATHBUN (1844-1893), son of Stephen⁷ Rathbun (James⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴ Ebenezer³ William² John¹). Mayor of Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1877. Also served as supervisor and alderman.

GEORGE H. RATHBUN (1843-1931), son of James⁶ Rathbun (Joshua⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Mayor of Dundee, Michigan, for many years in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

GEORGE L. RATHBUN (1861-1941), son of Eber⁷ Rathbun (John⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹). Mayor of Osseo, Minnesota, years not known.

J. MORTIMER RATHBONE (1853-1916), son of Theodore⁷ Rathbone (Hiram⁶ Edward⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Mayor of Ruby City, Colorado, for four years in the late 1870s. Earlier served as the town's first city clerk.

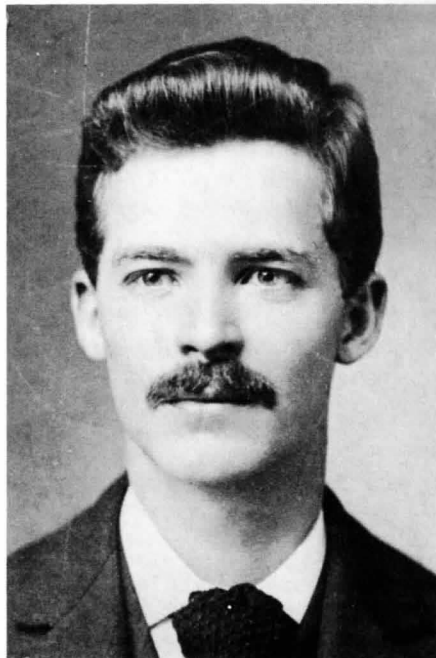
JAMES ALLEN RATHBUN (1857-1933), son of Enoch⁷ Rathbun (Robert⁶⁻⁵ Jeremiah⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹). Mayor of Cameron, Missouri, in the 1880s. Also served as county treasurer and deputy county clerk.

JARED LEWIS RATHBONE (1791-1845), son of Samuel⁵ Rathbone (Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). The last appointed mayor of Albany, N.Y., in

1839, and the first elected mayor in 1840, serving until 1841.

JOSEPH SHARP RATHBUN (1797-1866), son of Clark⁵ Rathbun (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). First mayor of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, 1834-36. Later a member of the California Legislature.

MARVIN C. RATHBUN (1874-1939), son of David⁷ Rathbun (Lewis⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Mayor of Tyro, Kansas, 1929-1933.



Marvin C. Rathbun
(1874-1939)

PETER BETTS RATHBONE (1828-1899), son of Elijah⁶ Rathbone (Moses⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Village president of Greene, N.Y., in 1864. Earlier was county supervisor in 1858 and county sheriff in 1859-61. Served as postmaster 1866-69.

SAMUEL B. RATHBURN (1803-1877), son of Daniel⁶ Rathburn (William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹). Mayor of Gallipolis, Ohio, dates unknown. Also justice of the peace, county assessor and probate judge.

WILLIAM PECKHAM RATHBUN (1814-1866+), son of Rowland⁶ Rathbun (Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). First village president of Valatie, Columbus County, N.Y., 1856-59.

WILLIAM PERRY RATHBURN (1822-1884), son of Alvin⁷ Rathburn (Daniel⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹). Mayor from 1869 to 1871 of Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he was a banker.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

AMOS RATHBUN (1762-1823), son of Amos⁴ Rathbun (Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Supervisor of Scipio Township, Cayuga County, N.Y., 1800-1802. Later served in state legislature.

CHARLES HENRY RATHBURN (1884-1953), son of Benjamin⁶ Rathburn (Abraham⁷ Benjamin⁵ Samuel⁵ Na-

thaniel⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). Supervisor of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, from 1925 until his death. Served several years as director of the Michigan State Supervisors' Association. Earlier was township clerk and treasurer.



Charles H. Rathburn
(1884-1953)

HUGO B. RATHBUN (1841-1898), son of Charles⁵ Rathburn (Amos⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Supervisor of Paris Township, Kent County, Michigan, in the 1880s. Also served as clerk, treasurer and justice of the peace, and member of the school board.

JOHN TOBY RATHBUN (1810-1893), son of John Zacheus⁵ Rathburn (Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Supervisor of Scipio Township, Cayuga County, N.Y., in the 1830s. Later served in state legislature.

JOSHUA RATHBUN (1805-1875), son of Joshua⁵ Rathburn (Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Supervisor of Ossian Township, Allegany County, N.Y., in 1840 and 1844. Elected county sheriff in 1846.

LAZARUS STEWART RATHBUN (1789-1875+), son of Joseph⁵ Rathburn (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Supervisor of Almond Township, Allegany County, N.Y., in the 1820s. Later served in New York State Legislature.

WILLIAMS RATHBUN (1800-1852), son of Williams⁵ Rathburn (Benjamin⁴⁻³

Joseph² John¹). Supervisor of Springfield Township, Otsego County, N.Y., in 1839. Also served as school inspector and superintendent.

(There may have been other Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns who served in state legislatures, or as mayors, village presidents or township supervisors. If you know of any we have missed, please let us know. Many other family members have been elected to other state, county and local positions, but it would be almost impossible to find and list them all. There were probably hundreds, and would include such posts as councilman, alderman, clerk, treasurer, justice of the peace, constable, county commissioner and many other elective offices.)

Woman Widowed, Left Paralyzed in Tragic Crash

Joyce Ann (Rathburn) Besthorn, a member of our Association, was severely injured and her husband, Herbert, killed, in a traffic accident on January 19, 1990. Joyce is the daughter of Merle¹⁰ Rathburn (Moshein⁹ George⁸ Rowland⁷ Acors⁶ Joshua⁵⁻³ John²⁻¹).

Joyce, 55, of Claflin, Kansas, was left paralyzed from the waist down. She also suffered seven broken ribs, a collapsed lung, broken collar bone and several fractured vertebrae.

She is now undergoing rehabilitation to help her adjust to life in a wheel chair. Doctors say it is unlikely she will ever regain the use of her legs.

Joan is showing extraordinary courage is dealing with her problems.

"I refuse to roll over and play dead, or sit in a corner and suck my thumb," she said. "I don't lie awake worrying about it. I cope with it and go on." In fact, she is making plans to buy a van with special equipment that will allow her to drive using her hands and mouth.

She is getting plenty of active and moral support from her parents, Merle and Wilma Rathburn, both now 81; from her four children — Bert, Jodi, Elaine and Scott, and from her brother, Ted, also an Association member.

New Data

Elizabeth Taylor, wife of Stephen⁵ Rathbun (Thomas⁴ Ebenezer³ William² John¹), was born August 15, 1760, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Gibbs) Taylor. Our thanks to Rob Rathbun.

Hepsibah Carpenter, wife of Valentine Wightman⁵ Rathbun (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), was born July 27, 1773, in Bellingham, Mass. Again, thanks to Rob Rathbun.

The wife of Updike Cooper⁶ Rathbun (Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹), was Selina (not Salina) Haskins, who was born Sept. 11, 1809 (not Nov. 9, 1908). Our thanks to Rosma Limbeck, who photographed their gravestone at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The stone was erected in 1937 with funds from the will of their youngest daughter, Elvira Ann (1848-1936), who married (1) Samuel Livingston on Sept. 23, 1868. He was a sailor on the Great Lakes and was washed overboard in a storm. Elvira then married William F. Rose on May 17, 1893.

Financial Statement

1990 Income

Memberships (567 @ \$15)	\$8,505
Sale of Past Historians	1,410
Late Renewal Fees	150
Advance Dues	90
Donations	30
Total	\$10,185

1990 Expenses

Printing of Historian	\$4,969
Computer Mailing Costs	2,374
Printing of 1987-88 Index	2,740
Stationery & Supplies	773
Secretary's Wages	427
Research	416
Postage	392
Telephone	162
Pictures	153
Miscellaneous	97
Total	\$12,503
Carryover from 1989	2,786
Less Lost Checks	228
Balance on Hand	240

Reunions

Fifty-nine descendants of Gamaliel⁶ Rathbun (Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹) gathered September 22 in Spring Valley, Minn., for their annual reunion. The attendees included descendants of three of Gamaliel's eight sons — Byron, Demon and Amander. Marlin Rathbun, a member of our Association, was elected president for the next two years; Irma Rathbun was named secretary-treasurer, and our member Sharon Jahn was elected as historian. The next reunion will be held on September 21.

Descendants of John⁶ Rathbun (Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹), held a successful reunion August 12 at Lincoln City, Kansas. Nearly 40 persons attended, including several of our members, Hazel Jones, Delmont Jones, and Russell and Norma Rathbun of Santa Maria, California, who traveled the longest distance. Plans are being made for this year's reunion, to be held the second Sunday of August.

WE THANK the following members who have sent us information, pictures, clippings and other items: Betsey Dana, Joe Wiswall, Leila Jenkins, Helene Rathbun, Dr. Donald Rathbun, Sharon Jahn, Bill Lieuellen, Rob Rathbun, Lydia Littlefield, Hazel Jones, Jean Walker, Earl and Marge Rathbun, Dorothy Hladik, Jayne Rezin, Judd Perry, Larry Trask, Ellen Gardner Brown, Lorna Vogt, Beverly Gillette, Rosma Limbeck, Muriel Mercer, Cheryl Jensen, Melva Gregory, Ted A. Rathbun, Ruth Hatzenbuhler, Frank E. Rathbun, Clair Cornell, Gwen Koenig, Anella Hunt, Rev. Franklin Dorman, Lorraine Barrick, Wayne and Mildred Rathbun, Marilyn Streeter, Glenn E. Rathbun, Edith Leppla, Betty Angelini, Jacqueline Hannah, Bettye Rathbone, Terry Carnahan, Howard M. Rathbun, Fred C. Rathbun, Phyllis Miller, LaVerne Rathbun, Bud Parfitt, Walton and Linda Rathbun, Gail Doremus, Ronald J. Rathbun, John and Gloria Rathbone, Ethyl Rathbun Grady, Glenn R. Rathbun, Ellen Kenyon, Evelyn Anderson, David Michael Rathbun, Robert Rathbone and John Bowen.



This picture is of Harold Leslie Rathbone, of Charlestown, R.I., who may be the oldest living member of our family. He will be 99 next March 22. He is the son of William Arthur⁸ Rathbone (Henry⁷ Martin⁶ Joshua⁵⁻⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). He was born in Norwich, Conn., but moved to Charlestown when he was 15. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War I and was gassed in Europe. His wife, Helen, died in 1984, after 66 years of marriage. He now lives alone with the occasional aid of his only daughter, Marilyn Greene, a member of our Association. He has three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. On a clear day, from the front porch of his home, he can see Block Island, where his ancestors lived nearly three centuries ago.

'Retired' Doctor Has Busy Year

Dr. Lewis Rathbun of Asheville, N.C., retired in 1985, but he had a busy and eventful year in 1990.

In May, Dr. Rathbun, 73, joined the crew of a 71-foot sailing vessel which made a 3,800-mile trip across the Atlantic Ocean to Gibraltar. The trip took 27 days. Dr. Rathbun was the oldest member of the five-man crew. The captain was happy to have a qualified doctor on the trip.

From Gibraltar, Dr. Rathbun flew to England, spent a few days visiting friends, and then returned home on June 13.

There, he found that a planned 50-bed lodging center for cancer patients was to be named in his honor — the Lewis Rathbun Wellness Center. Dr. Rathbun had practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Asheville for nearly 40 years until his retirement.

To top off the eventful year, Dr. Rathbun and his wife Elizabeth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 14, with a dinner attended by nearly 50 relatives and friends.

Dr. Rathbun is the son of Alonzo⁸ Rathbun (Lewis⁷ Ransom⁶ Daniel⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

Genealogy: The Sixth Generation in America

301. JOHN⁶ RATHBUN (Joseph⁵ George⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹), born about 1806 in Herkimer County, N.Y. He was married there about 1837 to Sarah _____, born about 1817, surname and parentage unknown. They moved to German Flats, in Herkimer County, where she died in September 1849, aged 33, of consumption. John was living at German Flats in 1860, but his death date is not known.

CHILDREN

See New Data 16-2 p 38

GEORGE, born in 1838; alive in 1855, no further data.

MARY, born in September, 1844; died May 19, 1860.

JAMES H., born Feb. 5, 1849; married Dianna G. _____.

302. WILLIAM⁶ RATHBUN (Joseph⁵ George⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹), born about 1809 in Herkimer County, N.Y. He was married on August 17, 1842, at Mohawk, N.Y., to Mary Ann (Meyer) Wilcox, born about 1810, parentage unknown, a widow with three children. They lived in Little Falls where he was a blacksmith, and where Mary died in 1862. He is probably the William Rathbun, blacksmith, who married about 1867 Susan or Susannah Oak, possibly a widow, born in July 1833, and moved to Caroga, Fulton County, N.Y. He died sometime before 1900. Susan died April 6, 1907, in the County Home at Rome, N.Y.

CHILDREN

By Mary Ann

CHARLES, born June 10, 1843; married (1) Henrietta P. Burdick; (2) Mary Nase; (3) Sarah Ann Miller, and (4) Sarah Louise Larrabee.

HARRIET, born about 1845; alive in 1860, no further data.

DAVID, born about 1849; died in 1854.

?By Susan or Susannah

RUSSELL A., born in November 1867; married Lucy _____.

303. JOSEPH H.⁶ RATHBUN (Joseph⁵ George⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹), born April 8, 1817, in Herkimer County, N.Y. He was married about 1844 to Dorothy Mykel, born Oct. 25, 1825, daughter of Peter (or Sylvester) Mykel. They lived at Grant, near Russia, N.Y., where he was a farmer. In 1860, he was listed with 78 acres, two horses, nine cattle, five sheep and three pigs. In 1879, he was farming 148 acres. He died at Russia on March 16, 1893, and Dorothy died there June 9, 1907.

CHILDREN

HENRIETTA, born about 1845; alive in 1860, no other data.

GEORGE W., born in September 1847; died Feb. 19, 1877, unmarried so far as known.

JAMES M., born Aug. 5, 1856; married Margaret Elizabeth Van Deusen.

MARY, born about 1860; alive in 1875; no other data.

304. GEORGE⁶ RATHBUN (Joseph⁵ George⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹), born Nov. 23, 1820, in Herkimer County, N.Y. He was married in the late 1840s to Nancy _____, born in July 1821, surname and parentage unknown. They lived near Grant, where he was a farmer on 60 acres in 1850 and 132 acres in 1875. He and his wife were founding members of the Grant Methodist Episcopal Society, organized in 1860. George died Jan. 23, 1891, and Nancy about 1918.

CHILDREN

CLINTON, born in June 1848; married Emma M. Care.

WALLACE, born in June 1851; married Ida Baker.

FRANKLIN, born Dec. 7, 1859; died March 1, 1875.

305. JEREMIAH⁶ RATHBUN (Joseph⁵ George⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹), born about 1824 in Herkimer County. He was married about 1852 to Catherine (Davies?), born in August 1832, parentage unknown. He was a day laborer with various families in the 1850 through 1880 censuses. Catherine died Feb. 22, 1870, and he died sometime after 1892, when he was listed as a widower.

CHILD

JOSEPH P., born about 1853; alive in 1870; no other data.

306. WILLIAMS⁶ RATHBUN (Williams⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born Feb. 13, 1800, at Springfield, N.Y., and married there Oct. 11, 1821, Mary Chargo (or Chawgo), born March 1, 1899, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Herring) Chargo or Chawgo. (Family tradition relates that she was part Mohawk Indian). Williams was a prosperous farmer at Springfield, where he was president of the Otsego County Agricultural Society, and a contributor to the magazine "Country Gentleman." He served as township supervisor in 1839, and was also school inspector and superintendent. He died Nov. 12, 1852, and Mary died June 16, 1858.

CHILDREN

DORLISKA, born May 4, 1822; married Lorenzo Van Alstine on December 21, 1841.

JACOB CHARGO, born August 23, 1823; married his cousin, Frances M. Rathbun, daughter of Alden⁶ Rathbun (Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹).

LEVANT WILLIAMS, born Dec. 15, 1824; married Lavina Van Dusen.

AUGUSTA LOUISA, born Nov. 20, 1828; married Horatio N. Tunnecliff on Jan. 7, 1851.

(Continued on page 12)

(Continued from page 11)

307. BENJAMIN⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born about 1798 in Springfield, N.Y. He was married about 1826 to Sabrina Pierce, born about 1803, possibly the daughter of Sedgewick Pierce. They moved by 1850 to Lucas County, Ohio, where they were living in Providence Township, near Waterloo, when he died Dec. 6, 1852. Sabrina died in 1887 at Tama, Iowa. (Cooley reported that Benjamin died unmarried, but he had obviously been misinformed).

CHILDREN

DANIEL, born May 13, 1830; married Sarah Ann Garner.

SEDGEWICK P., born about 1833; married Elizabeth Andrews.

HARRIET E., born about 1835; alive in 1850, no other data.

FRANCES AUGUSTA, born about 1838; alive in 1860, no other data.

?LAURA, born about 1840 (she appears with the family in the 1860 census, aged 20, but not in 1850). No other data.

BENJAMIN H., born in 1843; killed in action at Atlanta on August 6, 1864, during the Civil War.

308. CALEB⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born about 1800 at Springfield, N.Y. He was married about 1826, to Dimmies or Demmis Abbott, born about 1807, daughter of Sanford and Mary (Allen) Abbott. He died March 1, 1829, at Parma, Monroe County, N.Y., apparently leaving no children. His widow was married a short time later to Edward Huntington. Her death date is not known.

309. ABNER⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born about 1802 at Springfield, N.Y. He was apparently married by 1830, according to census records, and the girls listed below were probably his daughters. He died probably in the late 1830s. Nothing is known of his wife, whose name is not recorded. She may have been the "Keanna" (Hannah?) Rathbun, aged 60, who was living in 1860 at Springfield with Stephen and Mary True.

CHILDREN

?JULIA, born in 1831; alive in 1850, no other data.

?MARY JANE, born in 1833; married ? Elmer Isabel and/or possibly Stephen True.

310. FERNANDO C.⁶ RATHBUN (Daniel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born March 29, 1806, in Springfield, N.Y. He moved to Michigan in 1830, and was apparently married there to a wife whose name is not known and who died within a year or two. He was married on June 26, 1836, in Calhoun County, Michigan, to Eunice Colf, born about 1813, parentage unknown. They lived in Fredonia Township until the late 1850s, when they moved to Bennington, Shiawassee County. He died there on April 5, 1859. Eunice was married to a McCormack by 1863. Her death date is not known.

CHILDREN

By unknown first wife

OLIVER H., born in 1833; married Abigail Whitcomb.

By Eunice

MINERVA L., born in 1840; married Davis Dutcher on July 4, 1860.

311. CHARLES⁶ RATHBUN (Benjamin⁵⁻⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born Feb. 5, 1803, at Springfield, N.Y. He was married on Feb. 25, 1826, to Mary Griffin, born June 7, 1801, daughter of Joshua and Margaret (Campbell) Griffin. They moved to Warren, Herkimer County, N.Y., where Mary died Dec. 25, 1841. He was married in September 1843 to her sister, Jane Griffin, born Feb. 3, 1811. Charles was called a farmer in 1855 and a carpenter in the 1870 census. Jane died at Warren on April 27, 1889, and he died there April 6, 1891.

CHILDREN

By Mary

DAUGHTER, name unknown; born about 1827; died young.

LAURA GEORGIANNA, born July 9, 1832; married Mark Carroll on Feb. 9, 1854.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN, born Sept. 21, 1835; died May 2, 1839.

MARGARET MARY JANE, born Nov. 5, 1837; died unmarried Jan. 6, 1906, at Rome, N.Y.

By Jane

GEORGE L., born Jan. 12, 1845; married Elsie Jones.

312. ANDREW⁶ RATHBUN (Benjamin⁵⁻⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born Oct. 5, 1808, in Springfield, N.Y. He married about 1830 Lavina Peck, born probably on April 15, 1807, parentage unknown. He died on Oct. 26, 1836, at Springfield, leaving no children so far as known. Lavina married (?) on Oct. 1, 1837, Alfred Orendorff, probably in New Berlin, Wisc. He died Dec. 20, 1849, in California, where he had gone during the gold rush. She died June 5, 1882, in Wisconsin.

313. REV. LEVANT⁶ RATHBUN (Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born June 16, 1803, in Camden, Oneida County, N.Y. He was married on Jan. 26, 1826, to Laura Brainard Comstock, born Nov. 7, 1806, possibly the daughter of Erastus Comstock. She died Aug. 24, 1845, and he was married the following year, on Aug. 10, 1846, to Mrs. Sarah Ann Paden, born May 30, 1814, parentage and first husband unknown. He became a Baptist minister at age 26, and moved as a young man to Warren County, Penn. He returned to New York in 1837 and preached at Jamestown, Clymer, Ellicot, Dunkirk and Panama. He reportedly baptized more than 600 converts during his ministries. He died Sept. 18, 1869, at Panama. Sarah died Jan. 14, 1895.

CHILDREN

By Laura

DORLISKA, born March 15, 1827; married Adinoram J. Manley on Aug. 21, 1844.

THERON JOEL, born May 7, 1829; married Mary Lewis.

ANDREW JACKSON, born Nov. 7, 1831; died Aug. 4, 1853, of yellow fever in Vicksburg, Tenn.

BYRON W., born Oct. 28, 1835; married Thirza Gilson.

MILTON, born Sept. 10, 1838; died sometime after 1917, no known marriage.

By Sarah

WILBERFORCE, born May 14, 1849; married (1) Mella Churchill, and (2) Axalina Hagberg.

LAURA EMMA, born Aug. 19, 1850; married Charles A. Davis on Sept. 13, 1871.

JAMES LYTLE, born Aug. 16, 1852; died July 7, 1857.

CHARLES J., born Oct. 21, 1853; married Elizabeth Bell Kidder.

WILLIAM, born in August 1855; died Sept. 7, 1857.

314. SELDEN⁶ RATHBUN (Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born July 18, 1806, in Camden, N.Y. He was probably married about 1827, but his wife's name is unknown. He moved to Michigan in the early 1830s, and lived at Ann Arbor. He went south in 1837, possibly for his health, and died August 13, 1837, in Hillsdale County, Mississippi. The child listed below is believed to be his son, but there is no proof.

CHILD

JOEL, born about 1828; he was living in Catherine, Steuben County, N.Y., in 1850 with a Fay family. He was described as a printer. Nothing else is known of him.

315. ALDEN⁶ RATHBUN (Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born Oct. 24, 1808, in Camden, N.Y., and was married there on Sept. 14, 1831, to Rosanna Dunbar, born Dec. 13, 1809, parentage unknown. They lived all their lives at Camden, where Rosanna died Dec. 24, 1877, and Alden died on June 10, 1888.

CHILDREN

FRANCES MARIA, born Sept. 12, 1832; married her cousin, Jacob C. Rathbun, son of Williams⁶ Rathbun (Williams⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹).

EDWIN DUNBAR, born Aug. 21, 1834; married Adelaide Fox.

JOEL E., born August 7, 1836; married Julia Graham.

D. HENRY, born Feb. 8, 1839; died Oct. 12, 1843.

DORLISKA HERNANDO, born April 10, 1841; married Elhanan A. Curtis on Sept. 27, 1865.

HENRY ALDEN, born Sept. 28, 1843; married Cora A. Snow.

THEODORE FREYLINGHUYSEN, born Oct. 7, 1845; married Almira Secor.

MATILDA T., born Aug. 21, 1848; died, unmarried, some time after 1900.

316. JOHN LYSANDER⁶ RATHBUN (Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born June 11, 1813, at Camden, N.Y. He moved as a young man to Louisiana, settling in Bossier Parish. According to Cooley, he was married first to Ruth Ann Lower, born May 23, 1826, parentage unknown, who died Sept. 23, 1851. He then married Mary M. King, born about 1832, parentage unknown, who died April 12, 1860. However, the 1850 census lists his wife's name as Mary, so Cooley may have been mistaken on the dates. He died Nov. 2, 1862, at Holley Springs, Mississippi, possibly while serving in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

CHILDREN

?By Ruth

PHILANDER ALLEN, born in February 1841; he served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, was captured, and died a prisoner on Feb. 6, 1865, in Camp Chase, Ohio.

MORRIS, born July 1, 1843; married Lucie Hadley.

?By Mary

FRANK, born Feb. 9, 1853; married Henrietta Hillman.

317. JOEL⁶ RATHBUN (Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born Jan. 21, 1821, at Camden, N.Y. Moved as a young man to Louisiana, and by 1850 was a prosperous merchant and owned a large estate, Big Mound Plantation, at Dallas, in Madison Parish. He was married about 1852 to Frances _____, born in Mississippi about 1833, surname and parentage unknown. During the Civil War, he served in the Texas Cavalry with the Confederate Army. After the war, his property was devastated by the breaking down of levees, and he moved to Poplar Bluff, Arkansas, where he died Jan. 15, 1879. Sarah was living as late as 1870.

CHILDREN

?KATHERINE, born about 1853; a K_____ Rathbun, aged 7, was in a private academy at Madison Parish in 1860, probably his daughter.

GEORGE H., born Oct. 1, 1856; married Cora _____.

CORA, born about 1858; married James Moring (spelling uncertain) on Jan. 18, 1880.

CAROLINE, born about 1861; alive in 1870, no other data.

MARY, born about 1863; married (?) William Coats.

CHARLES, born about 1865; alive in 1870, no further data.

318. JOHN A.⁶ RATHBUN (Artemus⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹), born Jan. 6, 1814, at Springfield, N.Y., and married there on Sept. 8, 1835, Marilla A. Griggs, born Dec. 24, 1811, daughter of Ichabod and Lydia (Johnson) Griggs. They lived all their lives in Springfield, where he died June 5, 1882, of chronic diarrhea, and she on June 15, 1895, of apoplexy.

CHILDREN

GEORGE A., born July 19, 1838; married Annie E. Gilchrist.

JENNIE C., born June 28, 1841; married Nathan Lawler.

Query

WANTED— Information on the children of Susannah⁵ Rathbun (Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹), who married William Fellows on Nov. 8, 1767, at Stonington, Conn., and had 11 children. Specifically, did their sons Joshua, Jeremiah or Isaac ever marry? Who were the parents of Martha Smith, who married their son William Fellows Jr.?

Answer

Vol. 8, No. 3, Page 47 — Anna Allen, wife of Robert⁵ Rathbun (Jeremiah⁴ Joseph³⁻² John¹), was born in Suffield, Conn., the daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth (Kent) Allen. Our thanks to Rob Rathbun.

Obituaries

DIED — Dec. 14, 1990, Sadie (Rathbun) Webster, 97, at Hope Valley, R.I. She was the oldest member of our Association. She was the widow of William D. Webster, who died in 1978. Mrs. Webster is survived by a daughter, Hazel Ann Wood; a sister, Hazel Ritchie, a member of our Association, and several nephews and nieces including Ellen (Rathbun) Kenyon, also a member. She was the oldest member of the First Baptist Church of Hope Valley, where she served as president of the Ladies Benevolent Society and for 20 years as superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Webster was the daughter of Charles Newman⁸ Rathbun (Amos⁷ Newman⁶ Jonathan⁵ John⁴⁻¹).

DIED — Nov. 20, 1990, Dorothy (Rathbone) Wheelock, 81, of Kent, Conn. She was killed in a traffic accident. Mrs. Wheelock, a member of our Association, is survived by two daughters, Martha Wheelock and Deborah Taylor; two grandchildren; a brother, Robert R. Rathbone, a member of our Association, and a sister, Jean Taft. Her husband, Frederick M. Wheelock, died two years ago. She was the daughter of James Colburn⁹ Rathbone (David⁸ Nathan⁷ Amos⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). Her father died in 1983, a week before his 102nd birthday.

DIED Nov. 16, 1990, Louise C. Rathbun, 63, in Crystal River, Florida. She was the wife of our member Robert Raymond⁹ Rathbun (Robert⁸ Clarence⁷ Guy⁶ Amiziah⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). They had been married four years. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four stepchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

DIED — Oct. 2, 1990, Gertrude Viola Lieuellen, 66, of Albany, Ohio. She was the wife of our member William D. Lieuellen, the son of Arthur Lieuellen and Ora Jane⁸ Rathburn (David⁷ Lewis⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters; six grandchildren; two brothers, and six sisters.

DIED — Oct. 9, 1990, Clifford Drake, 73, of Borger, Texas. He was the son of Merton C. Drake and Mary⁸ Rathbun (Edwin⁷ Ebenezer⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹). He and his wife, Betty, were charter members of our Association. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son; two daughters; four grandchildren; a brother, and a sister. A retired engineer and Navy veteran of World War II, he was past board chairman of the Borger First Christian Church.

DIED — May 20, 1990, Marge Burris, 83, of Minneapolis, Minn. She was the wife of Arthur P. Burris, a charter member of our Association. They had been married nearly 59 years. Art is a grandson of James Salter Burris and Rebecca⁸ Rathbun (Gideon⁷⁻⁶ Tibbetts⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹). In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son James, two daughters, Barbara and Virginia, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

DIED — April 6, 1990, Lloyd C. Busboom, 69, of Tucson, Arizona. He was the husband of our member, Jeanette (Meyers) Busboom, whose mother was Irene (Rathbun) Myers, a charter member of our Association. Irene was the daughter of John⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). In addition to his wife, Mr. Busboom is survived by two sons, Stanley, a member of our Association, and Ronald; a daughter, Colleen Green, and six grandchildren. Mr. Busboom was an Air Force pilot for 23 years, and later in the real estate business for 20 years.

DIED — July 2, 1990, Col Curtis A. Whittington Jr., 73, of Gainesville, Florida. He was the husband of our member, Jeanne (Horrell) Whittington, a granddaughter of Nelson Colburn and Nancy Jane⁷ Rathbun (Amos⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹). A retired Air Force colonel, he was a judge advocate for 30 years. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Michael and Miles; two daughters, Diana Whittington and Meredith Bacharcik, and seven grandchildren.

DIED — Nov. 1, 1990, Lucy Rathbone, 94, at Cuero, Texas. She was the daughter of William Robert⁸ Rathbone (Douglas⁷ Deming⁶ Jonathan⁵ Isaiah⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Miss Rathbone, who never married, earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Texas, and a master's degree in education at Missouri Teachers' College in 1924. She then joined the faculty of the University of Texas, where she taught until her retirement in 1961. She was chairman of the University's Home Economics Department. In 1960, she was a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth. She was a prolific writer, and was co-author of two books and many magazine articles. Since retiring, she had spent much of her time traveling in Mexico, Europe and Asia. She is survived by a nephew, two nieces, and sister-in-law, Helen Rathbone, widow of **her brother, Douglas**.

See Corrections 11-2 p 25

DIED — Oct. 24, 1990, Charles Westlake Rathbone, 62, of Putnam, Conn. He was the son of Charles⁹ Rathbone (Charles⁸ Silas⁷ Aruna⁶ Amos⁵ John⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). He is survived by two sons, Richard and Gary Rathbone; two daughters, Deborah and Sandra, and a brother, Robert Rathbone. His wife, Nancy (Emerson) Rathbone, died in 1983.

DIED — March 28, 1990, Bernard J. Heilman, 75, of Piedmont, South Dakota, a former member of our Association. He was a grandson of Joseph Whitley and Etta Jane⁸ Rathbun (Dwight⁷ Gamaliel⁶ Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻² John¹). He is survived by his wife, Mabel; two sons, Steven and Terry; five grandchildren; a brother, Ross, and a sister, Lorraine Barrick, a member of our Association.

DIED — Dec. 21, 1990, Warner Albert Rathbun, 54, at New London, Conn. He was the son of Laurence¹⁰ Rathbun (Everett⁹ Jerome⁸ Nathan⁷ Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). He is survived by his mother, Catherine (Laurel) Rathbun; two sisters, Judy Pignone and Cathy Rathbun, and a brother, David E. Rathbun, a member of our Association.

DIED — Sept. 10, 1990, Jeremy Allan Lane, aged nine, of Springfield, Oregon. He was riding in a motorhome driven by his grandfather, John E. Reynolds, which plunged off the road near their home, and crashed into a tree. A faulty front tie-rod was blamed for the accident. Jeremy was the son of Dennis and Lois Lane, the grandson of Darrell and Marcell (Phillips) Lane, and great-grandson of our member, Alice (Cox) Phillips. Alice is the daughter of Clarence Cox and Jessie⁹ Rathbun (Thomas⁸ Alonzo⁷ Thomas⁶ Russell⁵ Simeon⁴ Thomas³ John²⁻¹).

DIED — Oct. 28, 1990, Mildred (Mathewson) Tollefson, 76, of Mazomanie, Wisc. She was a great-granddaughter of Updike Cooper⁶ Rathbun (Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Among her survivors are two sisters, Edith Leppla and Clarice Fleharty, both members of our Association.

See Corrections 11-2 p 25

DIED — Oct. 21, 1990, Robert David Rathbun, 65, of Hilliard, Ohio. He was the son of **Henry⁹** Rathbun (George⁸ Levant⁷ Williams⁶⁻⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹). He is survived by his wife, Betty; a daughter, Beth Steyer; two sons, Bradley D. and Brian D. Rathbun; two brothers, and two sisters.

DIED — May 26, 1990, Lula (Rathbone) Owen, 65, of Boise, Idaho. She was the daughter of Eugene Stephen⁷ Rathbone (Cornelius⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). She is survived by her husband, Roger Owen; six children; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and four sisters.

DIED — Sept. 17, 1990, Oliver A. Rathbun, 71, at Avon, Ohio. He was the son of Andrew⁹ Rathbun (John⁸ Andrew⁷ Orrin⁶ Russell⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Survivors include his wife, Bernice; two sons, Lex and Jay; a daughter, Jodi Frimel; two grandsons, and a brother, Walton A. Rathbun. Mr. Rathbun was a chief petty officer in the Navy, stationed at Pearl Harbor when the base was bombed by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941. He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, past president of the Avon Lions Club, and an amateur radio operator.

Births

BORN — August 18, 1990, Sydney Ann Rathbun, daughter of Kirk Allen and Kelly Jean Rathbun. Sydney is the granddaughter of Corrin and Cheryl Rathbun, and great-granddaughter of our members Mildred and Wayne⁹ Rathbun (Clark⁸ John⁷⁻⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

BORN — August 15, 1990, Olivia Deanne Stegman at Englewood, Colorado, daughter of Thomas and Karen Stegman, granddaughter of Dean and Karen (Adams) Stegman, and great-granddaughter of Elmer and Violet (Haybron) Adams. Violet Haybron was the daughter of William Haybron and Martha Ann⁸ Rathburn (John⁷ Ruel⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

BORN — Nov. 6, 1990, Matthew Scott Thompson at Wichita, Kansas, son of Timothy Thompson and Laura (Rathbun) Thompson. Laura is the daughter of JoAnn and David⁹ Rathbun (David⁸ John⁷⁻⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

BORN — Nov. 12, 1990, Kelly Evelyn Rathbun at Dallas, Texas, daughter of David and Joni (Britton) Rathbun and granddaughter of our members Dr. and Mrs. Donald¹⁰ Rathbun (Donald⁹ Chauncey⁸ Byron⁷ Levant⁶ Joel⁵ Benjamin⁴⁻³ Joseph² John¹). Both the parents and grandparents are members of our Association.

BORN — Oct. 25, 1990, Shannon Nichole Wiswall at Rhinebeck, N.Y., daughter of Donald and Dawn-Lee Wiswall, and great-granddaughter of our members Joseph Wiswall and Mary Ann¹⁰ Rathbun (Oscar⁹ George⁸ Corbet⁷ Gideon⁶ Tibbetts⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹).

BORN — Oct. 5, 1990, Niccole Mahealan Rathburn Kaio at Sarasota, Florida, to Kaina Kaio and Beverly A. (Rathburn) Kaio. Beverly is the daughter of our member Alyce Gail Rathburn and the late Clarence Harris⁹ Rathburn (Henry⁸ Valentine⁷ John⁶ Tibbetts⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹).

People

CHARLOTTE ANN BAKER and Raymond Nelson of Missoula, Montana, were married Nov. 2 in Cour d'Alene, Idaho. She is the daughter of our members Charles and Joy (Rathbun) Baker. Joy is the daughter of Robert⁸ Rathbun (Clarence⁷ Guy⁶ Amiziah⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

DAYNA BATEMAN and Barry Ross Rinehart were married June 23, 1990, in California. Dayna is the granddaughter of Gerald Gooch and Elva¹⁰ Rathbun (Carl⁹ Porter⁸ John⁷⁻⁶ Robert⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

LARRY RATHBUN returned recently from a two-year stay in Costa Rica, where helped establish a four-year agricultural college. He is associate dean of the Cal Poly School of Agriculture, and took on the project with an endowment from the U.S. Agency for International Development. He is the son of Carl⁹ Rathbun (Porter⁸ John⁷⁻⁶ Robert⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

JERRY AND ELVA GOOCH celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 29, 1990, with a week-long family reunion in Yosemite National Park. They were hosted by their seven children and all of their 16 grandchildren. Elva is the daughter of Carl⁹ Rathbun (Porter⁸ John⁷⁻⁶ Robert⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

DENISE RATHBUN placed 25th in the Virginia Classic Bowling Tournament September 20 at Chesapeake, Va. We have had several reports of this talented bowling cousin, but do not know how she fits into the family tree. Can anyone help?

ROSEMARY JACQUES has had a book of her poetry published by Carlton Press. Entitled "Whispers from the Soul," it deals with feelings, emotions and spiritual growth. Rosemary is the daughter of our members Jack and Ellen Coats and a descendant of Jacob⁷ Rathbun (Edwin⁶ George⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

People

WALTON RATHBUN has been promoted to captain in the United States Navy and named commanding officer of the First Dental Company at Camp Pendleton, California. Captain Rathbun, a dentist, and his wife, Linda, are members of our Association. He is the son of Walton¹⁰ Rathbun (Andrew⁹ John⁸ Andrew⁷ Orrin⁶ Russell⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

ROSMA AND PAUL LIMBECK celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on October 10 with a three-day trip through west-central and southern Wisconsin, visiting areas where Rosma's Rathbun ancestors once lived. Rosma is the daughter of William Jonathan⁸ Rathbun (Jonathan⁷ Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

JIM STITES has published his autobiography, entitled "The Wichita Kid," and sent your editor a complimentary copy. It is a lovely, hard-bound book with blue and gold binding, and covers his military service in World War II and his 30-year career in engineering. Anyone interested may write Jim at 1504 SW Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. Jim is the son of Charles Stites and Carrie Ella⁹ Rathbone (Howard⁸ Elijah⁷ Amasa⁶ Moses⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹).

ELIZABETH R. DANA was presented with a Peace Award on October 21 by the Spiritual Assembly of Bahais of Portland, Oregon. The award was in recognition of her nearly 40 years of work on behalf of world peace and unity. Betsey, a member of our Association, is the daughter of Lawrence⁹ Rathbun (Edward⁸ Oscar⁷ Aaron⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³ Samuel² John¹).

LYNN E. LITTLEFIELD and Robert Paul Lucier were married August 4, 1990, at Block Island. Lynn is the daughter of our members Donald and Lydia (Rathbun) Littlefield. Lydia is the daughter of Charles William⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ William⁷ Joshua⁶ Elias⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

New Members

Evelyn Anderson
Champlin, Minn.

Terry Carnahan
Alpena, Mich.

Gail Doremus
Medford, Ore.

Dorene Drake
Houston, Texas

Clive Duval
McLean, Va.

Bonnie Edmundson
Northport, N.Y.

Dixie Fountain
Fitzgerald, Georgia

David L. Jacques
Nashville, Ark.

Charles K. McHenry
Pineville, LA.

Robert O'Neal
Round Rock, Texas

Amanda Rathbun
Las Cruces, N.M.

Anthony Noel Rathbun
Auckland, New Zealand

Billy T. Rathbun
Calhoun, Georgia

Colleen Rathbun
Baltimore, Maryland

Michael J. Rathburn
Pickerington, Ohio

Raymond W. Rathbun
Tucson, Az.

Ron & Millie Rathbun
Springfield, Mo.

Dr. Sanford M. Rathbun
Beatrice, Neb.

Tim & Claudia Rathbun
Lincoln, Maine

Timothy Rathburn
Jacksonville, Fla.

Nina Stewart
Arvada, Colo.

Rosanne Wanamaker
Hurley, N.Y.

Martha Wheelock
Hollywood, Calif.

Phyllis Wingerak
Saskatoon, Canada

ROBERT VINCENT RATHBUN is among the many Americans serving in Saudi Arabia. "Vince" is the son of Loris⁹ Rathbun (Fred⁸ Erastus⁷ Edwin⁶ George⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). He is a private first class in the First Marine Division.

CECIL RATHBUN was honored recently as the oldest member of the Masonic Lodge in Byron, Michigan. Cecil, who celebrated his 95th birthday on November 16, is the son of Hiram⁸ Rathbun (Hiram⁷ Dyer⁶ Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). A veteran of World War I, Cecil joined the lodge in August 1917, and has been a member for more than half of the lodge's 134-year existence.

COL. ROBERT ALLEN GREENE has been elected President of the Council of Governors of the New England Societies of Mayflower Descendants. He is Governor of the Rhode Island Mayflower Society. Bob, a colonel in the R.I. Militia, proudly claims descent from two of the five sons of John and Margaret (Acres) Rathbun — John Jr. and William.

LUCINDA ANN HATZENBUHLER and Austin Eugene Brownlee were married October 20 at Norwich, N.Y. Lucinda is the granddaughter of our member Ruth (Rathburn) Hatzenbuhler, daughter of Jesse⁸ Rathburn (Albert⁷⁻⁶ Josiah⁵ Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).