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Letter from the Editor

This issue of our Historian will be coming to you somewhat late—probably in early August.

It has not been a very good year for your editor. A pinched nerve in my back kept me out of commission for several months, and finally put me into the hospital in June. It was a most unpleasant four-day stay, and emphasized for me just how bad this nation's health system has become.

With the help of an anti-inflammatory drug, I was soon back on my feet, but in late June I received the sad news that my foster-father Goldie Slater had died at the age of 94. Goldie and his wife, Charity, had raised me and my sister after the death of our mother (See our Historian of July 1992).

So Hazel and I drove to Michigan for the funeral services, and got back home July 12, with the Historian still waiting to be typed on my computer—way behind schedule.

Goldie was an extraordinary person in many ways. He joined the Army in 1916 and fought in the Mexican Border War that year, fighting the followers of Pancho Villa. In 1917, he went to France with the American Expeditionary Force, and served under General "Black Jack" Pershing. During the Depression years, while working full time, he went to law school at night and earned a law degree in 1933. He practiced law for some years, served as assistant city attorney in Detroit for 15 years, and later became a Traffic Court Judge. He was a Draft Board Chairman in World War II, and in 1950 was elected State Commander of the Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars. At his request, he was given a military funeral.

Our reunion plans are all made, and the reservations are still coming in as I write this. There is still time to sign up for the program (see story on this page).

A recent newspaper article has shed some new light on events surrounding the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. Readers of our Historian will recall that his companions on that tragic night at Ford's Theater were his wife, Mary; Major Henry R. Rathbone, and Rathbone's fiancee Clara Harris.

For years, history books have told how the assassin John Wilkes Booth, after slashing Rathbone with a knife, leaped from the presidential box to the stage and shouted "Sic Semper Tyrans," Latin for "Thus be it ever to tyrants."

The new information comes from an eye witness, W.I. Ferguson, a stage hand, and from Rathbone's later testimony to a Congressional investigating committee.

Booth, it now appears, "hissed" the words just before shooting Lincoln and before struggling with Rathbone and leaping onto the stage. Booth, himself, in a journal made during his flight from Washington, wrote, "I shouted sic semper before I shot."

It is not an important historical item, but is of interest to us because of Major Rathbone's involvement.

Hope to see many of you at Williamsburg in September.

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You Can Still Register for Our Reunion

Reservations are still coming in for our September reunion at Williamsburg. Our deadline was July 15, but you can still sign up if you hurry. If you have mislaid the registration forms, drop us a note and we'll send you new ones.

But keep in mind that the Fort Magruder Inn, our headquarters, had a deadline for room reservations of August 6, so you might want to call there to make sure they can take you. The toll-free number is 800-582-1010.

The reunion, our sixth, is scheduled for September 7-11. We have planned a full program, including bus trips to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown and Carter's Grove Plantation. It will truly be a step back into history.

We will have our traditional family heirloom display, and are encouraging everyone to bring something to show their cousins. In the past, the items have included old pictures, bibles, jewelry, clothing, letters, samplers, small tools and antique appliances.

We will have one outdoor dinner with a Civil War theme, and will conclude the program with our traditional dinner program, with awards for the oldest and youngest cousins present, and the longest-married couple.

It should again be a fun-filled four days, and we are hoping for another good turnout. Are you coming? If not, why not come and meet new cousins and enjoy yourself with your extended family?

John Bowen is looking for his posters, video tapes and other materials which he brought to the 1991 reunion in Springfield, Illinois, and which he cannot now find. They were all packed in a round, cardboard shipping tube, several inches thick and several feet long. If anyone who was at the 1991 reunion knows anything about it, please let me know. John suspects he might have loaned it to someone.
Old 1725 Rathbun Bible Preserved on Block Island

On September 4, 1743, Samuel Rathbun, 71, sat down in his home on Block Island and carefully wrote the following in his family bible: "I Samuell Rathbun at my Death I Doe Leave this Bibel to my soun Samuell Rathbun and at his Death to his soun Walter Rathbun. I have write this with my own hand September ye 4 day 1743. (signed) Samuell Rathbun."

Samuel was born August 3, 1672, the youngest child of our immigrant ancestors John and Margaret (Acres) Rathbun.

The Bible, which he probably purchased in Newport in the late 1720s, was printed in 1725 at Oxford, England, by John Baskett.

Samuel first wrote in the Bible: "I was born August ye 3rd 1672 on ye 2nd day of ye week. Patience my wife was born August ye 13 1670. We were married November ye 3rd 1692 5th day of ye week." He then recorded the births of their eight children, four sons and four daughters, between 1697 and 1714.

Samuel, a farmer, carpenter, wheelwright and cooper at various times, lived another fourteen years after inscribing the Bible to his son, Samuel, with whom he and his wife lived in their later years. He deeded Samuel Jr. five acres of his Block Island land in 1735, another 36 acres in 1743, and in 1749 he gave Samuel Jr. all his farming equipment, his rifle, and "every tool I have belonging to a house carpenter or a wheelwright."

Patience (Coggeshall) Rathbun, wife of Samuel Sr., died in 1747, and Samuel neatly penned in the Bible: "Patience Rathbun Departed this life the 3rd Day of August 1747 in the 85 year of her age."

Ten years later on January 24, 1757 Samuel Sr. died at the age of 85. According to his wishes, Samuel Jr. inherited the Bible, and he promptly wrote under the record of his mother's death, "Samuel Rathbun her husband departed this life Jan. 24, 1757 in the 85 year of his age."

Samuel then recorded the date of his own marriage: "Samuel Rathbun was married to Elizabeth Dodge March 15, 1732." At the bottom of the page some years later, he wrote in flowery script, "Samuel Rathbun His Bible 1760." Strangely, he did not record the births of his four children. He died Jan. 24, 1780, and the Bible, following the first Samuel's instructions, descended to his oldest son Walter Rathbun.

Walter, born in 1734, lived to be 84 years old. He was Block Island's Town Clerk for nearly 60 years and was known as "Walter the Scribe." He dutifully recorded his father's death, his own marriage in 1756 to Hannah Rose and the births of their seven children.

Walter Rathbun left the Bible to his grandson and namesake, Walter Rathbun Mott, "As a testimony of respect and for the purpose of encouraging him in the acquisition of knowledge."

Walter Rathbun Mott was the son of Walter Rathbun's daughter Catherine who married Daniel Mott Jr. Walter Mott was born in 1800 and died in 1882. He had no sons and the Bible fell into the hands of his nephew, Abraham Mott (1846-1916) and then to Abraham's daughter Lucretia Mott, who married Cassius Clay Ball.

Their daughter, Lucretia Ball, born in 1887, inherited the Bible and at her death about 1952 left it to the Block Island Historical Society.

There are several pages of Mott births, marriages and deaths through the late 1800s and the final entry was made by Lucretia Ball in 1924 when she was married to Karl Henry Suckow.

The Bible was rebound many years ago, and today, somewhat tattered, is one of the Block Island Historical Society's oldest and most valuable possessions.

On Saturday, September 4, the Society is planning a special program to mark the 250th anniversary of the day Samuel Rathbun Sr. wrote "With my own hand" his wishes for the Bible's future. A number of Rathbun and Mott descendants are expected to attend.

The celebration is being planned by Robert Willis, an officer of the Society and a member of our Association. Bob is descended from the first Samuel Rathbun and from two of his brothers and one of his sisters.
Nathan Rathbun Continues
The Seafaring Tradition

In our last issue, we recounted the history of the seafaring Rathbuns of Noank, Connecticut, who have been sailors and fishermen for two centuries. This is the story of Captain Nathan Warren Rathbun, one of the most prominent Noank sailors whose records have survived.

Nathan Warren Rathbun was born Sept. 10, 1827, the oldest son of Captain Luther Morgan Rathbun, whose picture appeared on the cover of our last Historian. Nathan was exceptionally well educated for his day, and married a most remarkable woman as his second wife.

Nathan followed the tradition of his ancestors by going to sea as a young man, and soon became a ship's captain.

On Sept. 25, 1858, he was married to Amelia Burroughs, and on Oct. 10, 1861, he purchased a house on one-fifth acre in Noank for $1,600. Two years later, he bought another house for $800, possibly as an investment.

The Civil War broke out in 1861, and Nathan enlisted in the United States Navy. He was commissioned an acting ensign and served on the Ladona. Nothing more is known of his wartime activities, although a picture of him in uniform has survived, and appears with this story.

Nathan returned to Noank and his wife Amelia after the war, but tragedy soon struck. Amelia died, probably in 1869, for on June 6 that year, Nathan purchased a lot in the Noank Cemetery for $8.00. They had no children.

Later that year, on one of his trips, Nathan visited Galveston, Texas, and there he met the young woman who was to become his second wife.

Sarah Maria Barnes, then about 30, was a dedicated and deeply religious school teacher. After the end of the Civil War, she left her native Connecticut and went south for the American Missionary Association to help educate the newly freed slaves.

She was first sent to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where she taught for a time, but then went to Galveston, where she founded the Barnes Institute, a free school for black children. Some of her diaries, letters, poetry and other writing have survived, and show her to have been a creative, sensitive and talented woman.

How she met Nathan Rathbun is not known, but they were married on March 31, 1870, and she gave up her teaching career to accompany her new husband to sea. They went first to Noank, where the 1870 census shows them living with his father, Luther.

They had two daughters born in the early 1870s: Florence Amelia in 1871, and Sarah, born in 1872, who lived only three months.

Some time in the 1870s, Nathan became captain and major owner of the brig Florence, built at Noank in 1865. She was a two-masted double-decker, 110 feet long, with a cargo capacity of some 230 tons. She was valued at $8,000.

More than a dozen Noank investors owned shares in the Florence, ranging from 1/64th to Rathbun's 11/64ths.

In September 1877, Nathan set sail in the Florence for a trip to Constantinople, Turkey, planning to stop first at New York City to pick up a cargo of petroleum oil. Sarah and their daughter Florence, then six, sailed with them. This was not a common...
practice at the time, and no doubt caused some raised eyebrows.

At New York, the Florence was loaded with 10,500 cases of oil, and then set off. Rathbun first made a stop at New London, Conn., where a storm kept them in port for a week. It was Oct. 6 before they were on their way across the Atlantic. In addition to his wife and daughter, Rathbun had an eight-man crew — two mates, five seamen and a steward.

The journal of their trip still exists and gives a vivid and somewhat frightening picture of life at sea. Gale winds pounded the ship and ripped her sails to shreds; huge waves swept over her decks, flooding the cabin with water and leaking into the holds. The men were kept busy constantly, pumping out water to keep the brig from foundering.

In early November, the weather improved, and on Nov. 9 the Florence sailed through the Straits of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean Sea. On the 22nd, they passed Sicily and on Nov. 24, Rathbun dropped anchor at the port of Valetta, on the island of Malta.

He had decided that the brig needed extensive repairs before he could continue on. For the next 10 days, carpenters worked on the ship, replacing broken planks and recaulking all the joints.

Sarah had become ill, so Nathan decided to leave her and Florence at Malta while he continued the trip. He sailed out of Valetta harbor on Dec. 6, and immediately encountered bad weather. Storms and winds battered the ship mercilessly, and the crew worked night and day at the pumps. One seaman was jaled for two days for "mutinous conduct."

Finally, on January 10, Rathbun reached Constantinople, and began the task of unloading his cargo. It took nearly two weeks, and it was Jan. 30, 1878, before he set sail for the return trip to Malta. At Valetta, he picked up Sarah and Florence, had a marble bust made of himself, and then headed for home, with a brief stopover in the Barbadoes. (The bust is still in the family).

Arriving at Noank, probably in March or April, the Rathbuns found that a fire had destroyed their home and all its contents a few months after they had left. Fortunately, Nathan had purchased a $700 fire insurance policy only days before they had begun their trip.

A new house was built, and the Rathbuns settled back to enjoy life. It was not to be.

Sometime in 1878, Nathan fell ill with what was called "a chronic disease of the bowels." He never fully recovered. In the early summer of 1879, he became bedridden. In July he developed a fever and became delirious. He finally went into a coma and died on July 7, 1879, aged 52.

Shortly after his death, Sarah wrote a poem, which was published in a local newspaper:

"In a quiet sleeping glade,  
'Neath a tall magnolia's shade,  
Far from home thy grave was made.  
O'er the mound above thee flung,  
Moses gray are thickly hung,  
Where at eve thy requiem's sung.  
Sung by evening zephyr's sweet,  
Where the moss and flowers they greet,  
Thrown around that sad retreat.  
And thy lonely place of rest,  
By no human foot now pressed,  
Meets thine own last sad request.  
While I, bereft of joy and hope,  
Not strong enough with grief to cope,  
All blindly in my pathway grope.  
And only wait till life is o'er,  
That I may see thy face once more,  
When I shall reach that Golden Shore."

Within weeks after Nathan's death, Sarah realized that she was pregnant. It is difficult to imagine her reaction — joy or panic. It was not easy for widows with children in those days.

On March 7, 1880, just eight months after her husband's death, Sarah gave birth to a baby girl, whom she named Nona Warren Rathbun. Only a few years later, Sarah herself fell ill, so sick in fact that she left her two daughters with her brother in Noank and moved to Danbury, Conn. — possibly to be closer to medical help.

A letter she wrote on July 9, 1886, to "Dear Little Nonie" (her daughter Nona), is still in the family. Sarah died four months later on Nov. 17, 1886. She was 48 years old. Her daughters were 15 and six.

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A Look Back at Weddings of the 1890s and Earlier

A look back in time at early weddings in our family shows that wedding traditions have not changed much over the years. Following are some abstracts from wedding stories which appeared in the old Rathbun Family Historians of the 1890s, and some wedding pictures sent us by Association members.

Carolyn May Rathbun was married on June 21, 1893, at Utica, N.Y., to Dr. C. Gray Capron. She was 25 years old, the daughter of James Wells Rathbun (Wells Joshua John 4-3 John 2-1). They were married in their local Episcopal Church, which was "beautifully and profusely decorated with ferns, palms, daisies and white peonies." Her dress was white satin. Her maid of honor wore yellow crepe, and the bridesmaids' gowns were of white silk mull.

A reception was held at her parents' home, and included supper and an orchestra for dancing. After a honeymoon "at the seashore," a local newspaper announced that they would "be at home the last two Wednesdays in September" to greet their friends.

Sadly, the bride's father died six months later. We have no data on what happened to Carolyn and her husband in later years.

Another Rathbun wedding, in 1892, was followed by an even sadder tragedy.

Alice Manwaring Rathbun, aged 20, was married on July 20, 1892, to Walter D. Kenyon in Hopkinton, Rhode Island. Alice was the daughter of Rowland Robinson Rathbun (Joshua Acors Joshua 4-3 John 2-1).

The "wildflower wedding" was held at the Rathbun home with nearly 60 guests. The parlor was decorated with ferns, daisies and white pond lilies. The bride was described as "fair and beautiful, attired in bridal white with chiffon lace, and carried a bouquet of white lilies."

After a honeymoon trip to New York City and up the Hudson River on a steamship, they returned to Rhode Island and a few days later she became ill. She died August 17, 1892, two months before her 21st birthday.

"The church was magnificently decorated with tall palms and rare plants. Roses and smilax entwined the chancel rail. Great clusters of cut flowers graced the altar."

The bride, groom and attendants were preceded down the aisle by 100 choir boys, in surplices, who sang as they marched.

Six bridesmaids "dressed in heavy white corded silk and tulle each carried a gift basket filled with roses, and wore gloves to match the roses' color."

"The bride's dress was an imported robe of heavy white satin with side panels and front made of hand embroidery in seed pearls. The train and body were elaborately trimmed with duchesse lace. Her veil of tulle was held in place by a half wreath of natural orange blossoms. In her hand was a bridal bouquet of lilies of the valley. She also wore a crescent diamond pin, gift of the groom, and a lace pin in which were two matchless stones, a gift from her father."

More than 300 guests attended a reception at the Rathbone residence, where the bride gave each of her...
bridesmaids a four-leaf clover golden pin, studded with diamonds.

The newspaper account listed hundreds of wedding gifts, which included a case of silverware, a black marble clock, a Sevres China punch bowl, dozens of other silver items, a porcelain and silver cake basket, a Mexican brass and onyx table and a four-foot bronze statue of a dancing girl.

Six years later, Rathbone’s other daughter, Eliza Chesbrough Rathbone, 22, was married on Nov. 10, 1891, to Ralph Kenyon. It was a less elaborate wedding, described as “simple but tasteful.” St. Anne’s Church was decorated only with palms and white roses.

Eliza wore “a gown of white satin, trimmed with old point lace, the bodice having long sleeves of Louis XV style. Her veil of tulle was caught up with a sprig of orange blossoms. She carried an ivy-covered prayer book.”

Her maid of honor was “attired in a heavy white corded bengaline and wore in her corsage a true lovers’ knot of white enamel which contained a single diamond—a gift from the bride.”

The number of guests at the reception was not given, but more than 2,000 invitations were sent out. The newlyweds’ gifts included an “elegant Persian rug” and several full sets of silverware.

In a more modest wedding, Delevan C. (Dell) Rathbun was married Feb. 9, 1893, at Fayette, Iowa, to Jessie M. Budd. Dell was the son of George Rathbun (Sidney Philander Daniel Joshua John 1). More than 100 guests bestowed some wonderful gifts on the couple, including a 16th Century sideboard, an upholstered rocking chair, a davenport, a set of silver knives and forks and carving set, and other silver items.

All these and other weddings of the last century had most of the same traditions we continue today—the throwing of rice, tossing the bride’s bouquet and festive receptions following the wedding.

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Wedding picture of Lorenzo Dow Rathbun and Isabelle Edwards, who were married Dec. 9, 1880, in Scotland County, Mo. He was 19; she was 14. His father was Elon Rathbun (Alfred Job Benjamin Joseph John 1).

Wedding picture of Lewis Edmund Rathbun and Ollie Rodgers, who were married April 27, 1904, in Ottawa, Kansas. He was the son of George Rathbun (Edmund Gideon Edmund John 3-2-1).
Wedding pictures of Rev. Jesse Fremont Rathbun and Flora Fidelia Grant, who were married Aug. 29, 1877, in Mexico, N.Y. She was 15; he was 21, and the son of Job³ Rathbun (Gideon² John¹

Wedding picture of Frederick Elonzo Rathbun and Pearl Storm, who were married Feb. 8, 1906, in Crook County, Wyo. He was the son of Lorenzo Dow Rathbun, whose wedding picture is also shown.

Wedding picture of Dorlisca Rathbun and Azel Walworth who were married in 1849 in Oswego County, N.Y. It is probably the oldest existing wedding picture of a family member. Dorlisca was the daughter of Orrin² Rathbun (Russell¹ Job⁵ Benjamin⁴ Joseph² John¹).

Wedding picture of Fred Rathbun and Annie Louise Schopp who were married Feb. 13, 1895, in Chenoa, Ill. He was the son of William⁷ Rathbun (John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³²⁻¹).
Young Daniel Rathbun Was California Pioneer in 1853

California has been like a gigantic magnet for nearly 150 years, attracting settlers from throughout the United States and indeed from all over the world. It all began with the great gold rush of 1849, but California's balmy weather and fertile soil soon became more permanent drawing cards. This is the story of a Rathbun who migrated to California in 1853 and became a prominent and influential citizen there.

Daniel Rathbun was born May 13, 1830, in Otsego County, NY., the oldest son of Benjamin Rathbun (Daniel Benjamin Joseph John) and his wife Sabrina Pierce.

His parents moved to Lucas County, Ohio, when Daniel was a boy. His father died in 1852 and Daniel decided to "Go West" and seek his fortune. He and two friends pooled their savings and hired a man to take them overland by horse-drawn coach to Sacramento.

The "Gold Fever" had abated somewhat by this time, but young Rathbun had heard glowing accounts of the many opportunities in California for young men with ambition.

Their driver originally planned to take the "Northern Route" across the plains directly to Sacramento, but decided at the last minute to take the southern route. Reports of Indian attacks may have accounted for his change of plans. He agreed, however, to pay Rathbun and his friends the fare from Southern California to Sacramento.

They set out across the prairie on what must have been an exciting trip, and eventually reached San Bernardino. The driver there informed the three young men that he would take them no farther, and refused to pay the money he had promised for their travel to Sacramento.

Rathbun and his friends were stranded in a strange town with their meager belongings and no money. As they sat on a wagon tongue discussing their plight, a local resident, George Garner, came by and overheard their conversation. He stopped to see if he could help out.

After hearing their sad story, Garner rounded up some local men and sent them off after the coach driver. He was brought back to town, and a meeting was held at the Mormon Council House to see if some agreement could be worked out.

The driver was adamant, and refused to consider any compromise proposal. Garner, a compassionate man, took the three young men to his home and offered them food and lodging until they could make other arrangements.

Rathbun soon found a job working in a small dairy operation, and the following year he took up some homestead property on Lytle Creek near the city. Then he took a part-time job as a stage driver and became the first man to drive a stagecoach from San Bernardino to Los Angeles.

The following year, he obtained a government contract to carry mail to Utah, a somewhat daunting trip in those days, when angry Indians often attacked white travelers.

Meanwhile, Rathbun had remained in close contact with the Garner family and on September 4, 1856 he was married to George Garner's daughter, Sarah Ann, then 19. Rathbun was 26.

The newlyweds moved into Rathbun's home on Lytle Creek, and her father gave them a piece of adjoining land as a wedding present. For the next seven years, Rathbun

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was a farmer, and fathered three children. The first, a daughter, died at two months. Then came a son Daniel, born in 1858, and a daughter, Sabrina, in 1860—named for Rathbun's mother.

In 1863, tired of farming, Rathbun entered the freighting business and began hauling supplies to Salt Lake City and other frontier towns. For 12 years, he drove his huge wagons across the desert wasteland, and came to know the country better than anyone around.

Because of this knowledge, he was hired about 1875 by the Union Pacific Railroad as superintendent of construction for a new line being extended into Utah.

By that time, Daniel and Sarah had four more children—George, born in 1864; Minnie in 1866; William in 1869, and Franklin in 1873.

About 1876, the Rathbuns sold their property on Lytle Creek and bought a 120-acre ranch on City Creek, nearer to San Bernardino. After his job with the railroad ended Rathbun concentrated on farming, and became a highly successful cattle rancher, winning blue ribbons year after year at county fairs.

In 1877, another daughter was born, named Gertrude and over the next few years his older children began to marry and leave home.

Now nearing 50 years old, Rathbun decided to turn the farm over to his sons and opened a general merchandise store.

Always looking for new opportunities, over the next few years he built a hotel, called the St. Charles, and helped in the planning and construction of roads to Redlands and Lake Arrowhead. In his "spare time," Rathbun dabbled in politics and served a term as county supervisor.

He died Nov. 2, 1900, aged 69, having played a large role in converting San Bernardino from a frontier village into a thriving city. Sarah Rathbun lived another 28 years and died Jan. 18, 1928, aged 91. They are both buried in San Bernardino's Pioneer Memorial Cemetery.

Rathbun's oldest son Daniel was married in 1882, and died less than three years later. The second son, George, ran the family farm for some years, then became a butter dealer. He died some time after 1920, leaving a widow and possibly children.

William died in 1916 and Franklin in 1929. Neither apparently ever married. The four daughters all married and left children, but we have never made contact with any descendants.

Mariners

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Kamehameha IV, only 21 years old. A smallpox epidemic three years earlier had killed thousands, and Honolulu in 1855 had only 9,000 residents.

Mary wrote her daughter: "I like this place very much & I have never seen your father so well pleased with any place except Key West & this climate is like that."

Captain Clark, however, soon became ill. Mary wrote her daughter on November 30: "Your father has been quite sick the last two weeks. He has what they call the boohoo fever which they say everyone who comes here must have & no one was ever known to die with it, but it is exceedingly unpleasant. It is called boohoo because the natives have it & when they are taken with it, many of them sit down on the ground & have a good cry, which does not help the matter much."

Mary also complained about thick clouds of "mosquitoes and fleas" in their cabin, and described in detail the native women's clothing:

"They have a great fancy for yellow wreaths which they wear on their heads . . . and large red and yellow beads around their necks . . . . The women's dresses are all made alike, they are full with deep yokes like a nightgown, some of black, some of white, some of pink, some Turkey red, etc., the more gaudy the better & they wear a man's hat, if anything, on their heads."

By late December, Captain Clark had taken on 8,000 barrels of whale oil valued at more than $27,000. He also loaded 30,000 goatskins and 250,000 pounds of baleen (whalebone, used for corset stays). It was the largest freight load that had ever left Honolulu. The Hoxie sailed on Christmas Eve 1855 for the return trip. They arrived in New York City on April 12, 1856, after a voyage of 109 days.

Captain Clark never fully recovered after the trip. He spent the following winter at Key West trying to regain his health, but he died of tuberculosis on Oct. 29, 1857, aged 37.

Mary (Rathbun) Clark lived as a widow for 52 more years, looking back and talking many time about her Hawaiian trip — one made by only a few Americans at the time, and by extremely few women.

(The story of Mary (Rathbun) Clark's voyage to Hawaii was published in the Fall 1985 issue of the "Log of Mystic Seaport," together with her picture and that of her husband.)

Captain Benjamin Rathbun, a member of our Association, has recently published a booklet on the history of islands and lighthouses in the eastern part of Long Island Sound. Block Island, the home of our ancestors, is included.

Copies may be ordered for $12 each from Captain Ben at 52 Riverview Avenue, Noank, Conn. 06340-5765.

Ben and his wife Rosalie are also members of the Noank Valley Cemetery Association, which is seeking donations to help replace fencing around the cemetery.

There are many Rathbuns buried in the old cemetery, some of their gravestones dating to the early 1800s. If you would like to help out, send your contribution to Ben and Rosalie at the above address.

This story, and the picture of Daniel appeared in the San Bernadino Sun of Dec. 6, 1987, and were kindly provided to us by the writer, Fred Holladay. The picture of Sarah was taken from a 1922 history of San Bernadino. Some of the other information came from census records and city directories, and from your editor's genealogical files.
Genealogy: The Seventh Generation in America

55. JARED LEWIS RATHBUN (Adams Jonathan Isaiah Jonathan John), born May 18, 1827, in Salem, Conn. He was called a factory laborer in the 1850 census at Norwich, Conn. He served for a short time in the Army during the Civil War, described as five feet eleven inches, with black eyes and dark hair. He was discharged in St. Louis, Mo., and married a few months later on Sept. 2, 1862, in Brown County, Illinois, to Mary E. Twombley, born in Sept. 1832, ancestry unknown. They lived in Brown County for many years, then moved to Linn County, Iowa, where he died Aug. 31, 1899. Mary died sometime after 1900.

CHILDREN

HERBERT GEORGE, born Aug. 22, 1863; died in 1929 in Brown County; no known marriage.

JOSEPH LEWIS, born Sept. 17, 1865; married Winifred ______.

ALONZO G., born Nov. 8, 1867; married Emma ______.

ELLA L., born Feb. 11, 1870; married William Bixley on Jan. 9, 1899, in Shelby County, Mo.

LEVI ASHLEY, born Sept. 7, 1872; married Annie E. Grady.

56. REUBEN BROWN RATHBUN (Christopher Jonathan Isaiah Jonathan John), born Sept. 4, 1825, in Salem, Conn. He was married Nov. 17, 1850, at Norwich, Conn., to Ellen Lawton Martin, born Nov. 12, 1832, daughter of Anson and Betsey Martin. Ellen divorced Reuben August 8, 1867, charging him with misconduct. He was later married, date unknown, to Jewett ______, born in October 1820. Reuben was a schoolteacher in Norwich but moved in late life to Manhattan, N.Y., where he and Jewett were living in 1900. Nothing more is known of them and he had no known children by either wife.

57. ASHER DEMING RATHBUN (Christopher Jonathan Isaiah Jonathan John), born about 1826 at Salem, Conn. He was married there on Nov. 11, 1848, to Elizabeth Mary Pierce, born May 25, 1828, parentage unknown. Asher was listed as a miller in the 1850 census at Griswold, Conn., and as a wagonmaker there in 1860. He died April 5, 1865, at Voluntown, Conn. Elizabeth (Betsey) died March 20, 1931, aged nearly 103.

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CHILDREN

WILLIAM A., born Oct. 23, 1851; married Anne E. Sicomum.

MARY E., born July 2, 1854; married Nathan Maine on March 3, 1875.

CHARLES IRVING, born Feb. 27, 1856; married Emma A. Donnelly.

GEORGE DEMING, born Dec. 31, 1858; married Hannah (Culver) Kennie.

58. ISAIAH WILLCOX RATHBUN (Christopher Jonathan Isaiah Jonathan John), born Nov. 11, 1828, in Salem, Conn. He was married Sept. 8, 1862, at nearby Hebron to Emily Jane Austin, born Sept. 7, 1844, daughter of Samuel A. and Harriet (Penfield) Austin. They lived in Hebron, where he was a carpenter and built a number of homes. He was an accomplished violin player. In 1853, with his brother Jeremiah, he went overland to California in a covered wagon, and remained there six years. He died Sept. 29, 1906, at Hebron, and Emily died there Feb. 2, 1927.

CHILDREN

SON (Unnamed), born April 19, 1863; died in infancy.

FREDERICK AUSTIN, born May 11, 1864; married Cora Bell Wilcox.

ASHER DEMING, Oct. 31, 1865; married Margaretta ______.

LUCY, born March 12, 1867; died in infancy.

GURDON CADY, born Jan. 9, 1868; married Mary D. Fox.

GRACE LATHROP, born March 28, 1871; married John F. Simmons.

JULIA MARIA, born Sept. 7, 1873; married E.B. Porter.

RUFUS RUTHERFORD, born Dec. 31, 1876; married (1) Sarah L. Cobb, and (2) Flora Porter.

CLARENCE POST, born Oct. 19, 1878; married Annie Bjorkland.

IVA M. PEARL, born Nov. 6, 1882; married Herbert Richards on April 25, 1907.

ADDIE BELLE, born Aug. 13, 1885; married Harold W. Hildreth on April 17, 1905.

59. JEREMIAH D. RATHBUN (Christopher Jonathan Isaiah Jonathan John), born May 10, 1835, at Salem, Conn. He went with his brother Isaiah to California by covered wagon in 1853, and remained there. He was married Oct. 14, 1869, in Alameda, to Sarah Jane Elliott, born March 11, 1850, daughter of Joshua and Minerva (Leonard) Elliott. They lived in Alameda where Jeremiah died Nov. 6, 1909, and Sarah on Feb. 18, 1927.

CHILDREN

CLARENCE EUGENE, born May 7, 1871; married Viola ______.

LYDIA MINERVA, born Jan. 19, 1876; no further data.

CHARLES HENRY, born Nov. 12, 1879; alive, unmarried in 1910.

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60. WILLIAM WALDO\(^7\) RATHBONE

(Deming\(^6\) Jonathan\(^5\) Isaiah\(^4\) Jonathan\(^3\) John\(^2\)\(^-1\)), born April 4, 1829, in Columbus, Ohio, and married Nov. 14, 1852, at Marietta, Ohio, Julia Furgerson, born about 1830, daughter of James F. and Alvira (Morse) Furgerson. Soon after their marriage, he purchased land on the east bank of the Muskingum River, a mile north of Marietta, and developed a prosperous market gardening business. He later went into the commercial growing of sweet potatoes, and shipped them August 9, 1884, and Nov. 14, 1852, at Marietta, and Columbus, Ohio. His second wife was still living in 1891, but nothing more is known of her.

**CHILDREN**

All by Mary Ann

KATHERINE MARY, born Nov. 4, 1860; married A.M. Moore on March 8, 1887.

SUSAN LASATER, born Nov. 4, 1860 (twin); married Samuel J. Ferris in Sept. 1884.

HENRY EVERETT, born Oct. 18, 1865; married Anna Blackwell.

WILLIAM ROBERT, born Sept. 12, 1867; married Jessie Wofford.

EUGENE PUTNAM, born June 19, 1870; died March 30, 1872.

MARY BERTIE, born July 27, 1873; died Sept. 10, 1878, according to Cooley, but that was her mother's death date, so it may be an error. It seems unlikely that both died the same day.

61. DOUGLAS PUTNAM\(^7\) RATHBONE

(Deming\(^6\) Jonathan\(^5\) Isaiah\(^4\) Jonathan\(^3\) John\(^2\)\(^-1\)), born May 20, 1835, in Louisville, Ky. He was married Feb. 22, 1860, in Coffee County, Tenn., to Mary Ann Lasater, born Feb. 9, 1840, daughter of R.B. Lasater, a merchant in Coffee County. Rathbone went into business with his father-in-law in Manchester, Tenn. He became postmaster there and was president of Manchester College for many years. Mary Ann died on Sept. 10, 1878. He left Tennessee and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then back to his birthplace, Louisville, Ky., where he was married on Feb. 14, 1882, to Mrs. Louisa (Scott) Rogers, a widow, whose birth and parentage are unknown. He died four years later on March 20, 1886, and was buried by the side of his first wife in Manchester, Tenn. His second wife was still living in 1891, but nothing more is known of her.

**CHILDREN**

ALICE PUTNAM, born Oct. 18, 1858; died Aug. 30, 1873.

KATHERINE E., born April 15, 1862; married Hiram D. Shaw.

CHARLOTTE, born June 13, 1864; married Edwin S. Lee on Dec. 28, 1887.

JULIA WALDINE, born June 11, 1869; died single in 1946.

62. CHARLES DEMING\(^7\) RATHBONE

(Deming\(^6\) Jonathan\(^5\) Isaiah\(^4\) Jonathan\(^3\) John\(^2\)\(^-1\)), born July 6, 1840, at Belpre, Ohio. He enlisted in the 24th Ohio Cavalry in 1861, and served through the Civil War, as a First Sergeant after 1862. He was wounded in action and discharged in June 1864. After the war, he was married Oct. 3, 1865, to Maria Loring Ames, born in 1848, daughter of Charles R. and Mary Jane (Fisher) Ames. He lived at Belpre all his life, and served as a justice of the peace for seven years. Maria died on Nov. 11, 1882, and he died in 1906.

**CHILDREN**

FLORENCE LORING, born May 30, 1867; died unmarried in 1910.

ELIZABETH DEAN, born Jan. 6, 1869; she lived in Chicago and was treasurer in 1893 of the short-lived Rathbone Family Association. Nothing more is known of her and she may have died by 1900, for her name has not been found in the Federal Census of that year.

63. THOMAS S.\(^7\) RATHBUN

(Hiram\(^6\) Jonathan\(^5\) Isaiah\(^4\) Jonathan\(^3\) John\(^2\)\(^-1\)), born August 1840 in Tennessee, and married there in Nashville on May 15, 1867, to Mary Ellen Garner, born about 1848, parentage unknown. They moved about 1875 to Montgomery County, Texas, where they appear in the 1880 census. Nothing more is known of them; none of the family has been found in the 1900 census.

**CHILDREN**

MARGARET A., born in 1868.

JULIA, born about 1875.

THOMAS, born about 1878.

64. WILLIAM ADAMS\(^7\) RATHBUN

Jr. (William\(^6\) Jonathan\(^5\) Isaiah\(^4\) Jonathan\(^3\) John\(^2\)\(^-1\)), born Aug. 10, 1830, in Springfield, Mass. He was married there June 6, 1852, to Emily Jane Stanley, born about 1826, parentage unknown. He was a confectioner in Springfield for several years, then moved by 1856 to Enfield, Conn.; then to Boston, and later to New Haven. Emily died May 14, 1895. He was living as late as 1900.

**CHILDREN**

SARAH JEAN, born May 17, 1853; alive in 1900, no further data.

FRANK, born in March 1855; died April 8, 1857, of scarlet fever.

FREDERICK, born in April 1856; died April 1, 1857, of scarlet fever.

CHARLES, born May 28, 1858; died Aug. 8, 1858.

WILLIAM, born in August 1872; died Sept. 27, 1877, in Boston.

65. JOHN HIRAM\(^7\) RATHBUN

(John\(^6\)\(^-1\)), born Aug. 28, 1803, in Johnstown, R.I., and married there in August 1824 Ann Eliza Atwood, born March 23, 1805, daughter of Anthony and Zerviah (Kelton) Atwood. They lived all their lives at Johnstown,
where he was a carpenter. He died there March 16, 1858, and Ann Eliza on May 21, 1873.

**CHILDREN**

ANN ELIZA, born Nov. 28, 1825; married Albert K. Wolcott on Nov. 2, 1848.

ANTHONY ATTWOOD, born July 18, 1828; married Alice Kenyon.

JOHN SEBRA, born Nov. 22, 1830; married Mahala McCrary.

WILLIAM PEABODY, born 1832; he was alive in 1860 but nothing more is known of him.

CLARA, born July 25, 1835; died March 9, 1862, single.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, born about 1837; reportedly died in Chicago in October 1893.

HENRY F., born Jan. 8, 1839; married Ellen Collins.

BENJAMIN A., born about 1840; married Georgianna Hawkins on May 11, 1869. He died about 1874. Georgianna died Aug. 29, 1908. They had no known children.

SUSAN SARAH, born about 1842; died July 24, 1849.

PHOEBE E., born Sept. 10, 1844; died May 15, 1854.

MARY ANNA, born April 17, 1847; died July 14, 1849.

**CHILDREN**


SUSAN SMITH, born Aug. 14, 1829; married (1) Henry Collins on June 10, 1844, and (2) Moses Evans.

RUTH HARRIET, born May 31, 1831; died Oct. 7, 1843, three days before her sister, Mary Anna.

ROXANNA M., born March 1, 1833; married William Angell on Aug. 12, 1849.

67. RAYMOND CLARK 7 RATHBUN (John 8-1), born March 7, 1807, in Exeter, R.I. He moved to McLean County, Ill., in 1838 and was married there in April 1842 to Virginia May, born March 4, 1820, parentage unknown. He died April 18, 1851, at Mount Hope in McLean County. Virginia was married on May 11, 1854, to Alfred Norris, and died June 13, 1868.

**CHILD**

SARAH ANN, born May 30, 1851; married Levi Benjamin Davidson on May 4, 1867.

68. CALVIN WEATON 7 RATHBUN (John 8-1), born Dec. 29, 1831, in Exeter, R.I. He became a cigar maker, but apparently got into trouble and was listed in the 1850 census in the Rhode Island State Prison. He was married first on July 1, 1854, to Mary Towns Baker, born Aug. 23, 1832, daughter of Reuben and Thankful (Hawley) Baker. She died May 2, 1857. He enlisted in the Army in August 1861, and served as a corporal in Co. B of the First Rhode Island Light Artillery. He was shot in the leg during the battle of Fredericksburg in December 1862, and the leg had to be amputated just below the knee. He was described at the time as six feet tall, a carpenter, with blue eyes and fair complexion. He was married on Sept. 1, 1865, to Mary A. Williams, born about 1836, daughter of Cyril and Elizabeth Williams. She died or they were divorced soon after the marriage, for on Oct. 26, 1866, he was married to Mary A. Green, about whom nothing is known. This marriage also ended within a year or two, and on Jan. 1, 1869, he was married to Elizabeth Aldrich Hawley, born about 1849, daughter of James and Almira Hawley. They were divorced a few years later, and he was married for the fifth time on Feb. 21, 1879, to Ellen Alice (Cole) McPherson, born about 1848, daughter of Ebenezer and Ardea Cole and widow of a McPherson. They apparently separated, for the 1900 census shows him living alone in Providence, and a Mrs. Ellen Rathbun, aged 70, also alone. Calvin died March 5, 1911, in Pawtucket. He apparently had no children by any of his five wives.


**CHILD**

BERIAH LEWIS JR., born Jan. 6, 1842. Orphaned at six years old, he was raised by friends, and moved as a young man to LaSalle County, Ill., where he died in January 1870, aged 28. He apparently never married.

70. NEWMAN A. (ABEL?) 7 RATHBUN (Abel 5 John 4-1), born about 1814 in Exeter, R.I. He "went West" in the 1840s and was married in Lafayette County, Wisc., June 29, 1849, to Bridget O'Flynn, born about 1832, parentage unknown. They were living in Galena, Illinois, in 1850, when he was described as a teamster. Nothing is known of his later life. A Newman Rathbun, probably him, was living in San Francisco, California, in 1877, and he probably died soon after that. Nothing more is known of Bridget.

**CHILDREN**

GEORGE C., born in March 1850; possibly the George Rathbun who died March 19, 1916, in Los Angeles. No known marriage.

MARTIN A. (ABEL?), born in November 1853; married Sarah E. Benedict.

CHARLES, born about 1855; living in Farmington, Minn., in 1870.

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Possibly the Charles Rathbun who died in Los Angeles in 1910.

?JOHN B., born about 1857; living in Farmington, Minn., in 1870.

71. ABRAHAM⁷ RATHBUN/RATHBURN (Stephen⁶ Daniel⁵ John⁴-1), born March 20, 1831, in Sheffield, Mass. He was married May 1, 1855, at Beckett, Mass., to Melissa Barden, aged 13, daughter of William and Sarah Barden. They were living with her parents in 1855, and were in Cranville, Mass., in 1859. Nothing more is known of Melissa, and she may have died. Abraham enlisted in the Army June 23, 1862, at Boston, in the 33rd Mass. Infantry, and deserted June 7, 1865, at Beckett, Mass., to Ellen Minerva Brown, born about 1842, parentage unknown. They were living in Ross County in 1850, but nothing has been found about their later lives. They do not appear in any later censuses.

CHILDREN

?JOHN, born about 1863; living in Montana in 1900, aged 27; father born in Mass.

?JAMES, born about 1867; also in Montana in 1900, aged 23; father born in Mass.

WE THANK the following members who have sent in family data, clippings, pictures and other items: Terry Carnahan, Helen M. Rathbun, Ellen Kenyon, Isaac B. Rathbun, Eleanor Eckert, Marlene Wilkinson, Rob Rathbun, Patti Garrett, Charles Beveridge, Haybrn Adams, Mary Hermanski, Margery Foss, Bill Lieuellen, Frank E. Rathbun, Peggy Sheldon, Carol Liptak, Dorothy Danks, Shirley Rathbun, Rosalie Rathbun, Mildred and Wayne Rathbun, Donna Bender, Dorcas Jones-Hendershot, Ted A. Rathbun, Bob Willis, Grove and Janet Rathbun, Lauren Landis, Ernest Coshow, David E. Rathbun, Mary Champlin, Mary Claypool, Beverly Gillette, Arthur Hutchinson.

At last report, Block Island’s Southeast Lighthouse was scheduled to be moved in July. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in May for the $2.3 million project, which calls for moving the 2,000-ton lighthouse 245 feet back from the Mohegan Bluffs. It is now only 55 feet away from the cliff edge. Our Association members contributed more than $2,000 to save the 120-year-old landmark.


72. CHARLES S.⁷ RATHBUN (Stephen⁶ Daniel⁵ John⁴), born about 1836, probably in Massachusetts. He moved as a young man to Ohio and was married there in Ross County on Jan. 12, 1860, to Ellen Minerva Brown, born about 1842, parentage unknown. They were living in Ross County in 1850, but nothing has been found about their later lives. They do not appear in any later censuses.

CHILDREN

?JOHN, born about 1863; living in Farmington, Minn., in 1870.

In an earlier story, we reported on the activities of some of our family's early "black sheep." We apparently still have some today. Ernest C. Rathbone, 42, and Sandra A. Rathbone, 33, presumably his wife, were arrested last April in Kentucky on a variety of charges. He was accused of burglary, receiving stolen property, parole violation, auto theft and seven counts of stealing license plates. They were arrested after a traffic accident in which Sandra Rathbone suffered minor injuries. She was charged with receiving stolen property. The Rathbones were listed as residents of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Corrections

Marvin M. Rathburn, son of Lewis⁶ Rathburn (David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³-2-1), died of "congestion of the brain" on April 13, 1863 (not 1865), at Old Lexington, Ky., while serving with Co. I, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. (Historian of April 1987, page 29). Our thanks to K. Haybron Adams.

Sarah Allison, wife of Charles⁶ Rathburn (Amos⁵ John⁴ Jonathan³ John²-1), was the daughter of John, not Joseph, Allison, as reported in our Historian of Oct. 1985, page 59. Our thanks to Rev. Robert and Shirley Rathburn.

By Melissa

SON (name unknown), born Nov. 17, 1859; died young?

by Elizabeth

JOSEPH ABRAHAM, born March 1, 1865; married (1) Julia Barto, and (2) Emma McLaughlin.

MARIA A., born April 3, 1867; married (1) Archie Ashton on July 7, 1887, and (2) Michael Hendricks.

JANE D., born Dec. 24, 1869; married (?) Elmer Long, and/or Solomon Strickland.

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Obituaries

DIED—Feb. 28, 1993, Ralph Wilbur Rathbun, 77, of Murray, Neb. A charter member of our Association, he was the son of John\(^6\) Rathbun (Cyrus\(^7\) Daniel\(^6\) William\(^5\) Daniel\(^4\) Joshua\(^3\) John\(^2\)). He was an Army veteran of World War II and a former member of the Murray village board. He is survived by a daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Edward) Corwin; two sons, Gaylen and Bruce Rathbun; four grandchildren, and two sisters, Ruth Reeves and Irene Bishop.

DIED—Jan. 31, 1993, Shirley (Howard) Beveridge, wife of Charles D. Beveridge, of Fedhaven, Florida, a member of our Association. He is the son of Minnie Emma (Rathbun) Beveridge, a daughter of Charles\(^6\) Rathbun (George\(^7\) Joshua\(^6\) Acors\(^5\) Joshua\(^4\)-James) and his wife, Nancy R. Beveridge. She was survived by a daughter, Ruth Ann (Mrs. Dean) Corwin; two sons, Gaylen and Bruce Rathbun; four grandchildren, and two sisters, Ruth Reeves and Irene Bishop.

DIED—May 19, 1993, Delbert (Deb) Rathbun, 84, of Ellsworth, Kansas. He was the son of Moshein Rathbun of Missouri and his wife, Nancy R. Beveridge. He is survived by a daughter, Ruth McPherson; a son, Wayne E. Rathbun; a brother, Robert Rathbun; a sister, Nancy R. Beveridge; three grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two step-siblings; a great-great-grandchild; and a great-great-great-grandchild.

DIED—May 16, 1993, Madeline Rathbun, 65, of Dexter, N.Y. She was the wife of Milton E. Rathbun (Milton\(^6\) Herbert\(^7\) Albert\(^6\) Allen\(^5\) Josiah\(^4\) Job\(^3\) Joshua\(^2\) John\(^1\)). In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Normand and Leonard C. Rathbun; a daughter, Roseann Miller; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

DIED—March 29, 1993, Don Philip Rathbun, 49, at Selma, Oregon. He was the son of Richard\(^1\) Rathbun (Lisle\(^10\) Emmet\(^9\) George\(^8\) Vortimer\(^7\) Lucius\(^6\) Jonathan\(^5\) John\(^4\)-James) and his wife, Norma. He is survived by his wife, Norma; two sons, Jack and James Slater; two step-children; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a sister.

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DIED—April 5, 1993, Mrs. Mary J. Rathbun, 81, at Smithfield, R.I. She was the widow of Alfred\(^1\) Rathbun (Ernest\(^8\) George\(^7\) Jeremiah\(^6\) Robert\(^5\) Samuel\(^4\) Roger\(^3\) Samuel\(^2\) Thomas\(^1\) John\(^1\)). He died in 1985. She is survived by two sons, Normand and Leonard C. Rathbun; a daughter, Roseann Miller; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

DIED—June 29, 1993, G. (Goldie) Edwin Slater, 94, of Tucson, Arizona. His first wife, Charity, who died in 1981, was the daughter of Walter McCrath and Louise\(^8\) Rathbun (Hugo\(^7\) Charles\(^6\) Amos\(^5\)-James) John\(^4\)). Goldie and Charity raised your editor after his mother died. He is survived by his second wife, Iris; two sons, Jack and James Slater; two step-children; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a sister.

New Data

Charles Rathbun, son of Joel\(^6\) Rathbun (Joel\(^5\) Benjamin\(^4\)-Joseph\(^3\) John\(^2\)), was married to Jennie Ewell on June 9, 1887, in Ashley County, Ark. He apparently died within a few years, for Jennie was married to J.D. Roper on Dec. 25, 1889, in Ashley County. Charles' sister Mary probably married John Schneider on May 22, 1880, in New Orleans. The Mary Rathbun who married William Coats was probably not her, as speculated in our Historian of January 1991, Page 13. That Mary is unidentified.

Nathan\(^5\) Rathbun (Simeon\(^4\) Thomas\(^3\)-James) had a previously unknown daughter, Julia A., born about 1830, who was married to Gilbert L. Mathewson on Aug. 3, 1860, in Burrillville, R.I. Nathan's son, Nathaniel Wheaton Rathbun (1825-1903), also had a previously unknown daughter, Angeline, born about 1854, who married James Snowling on June 10, 1871, in North Providence, R.I.

Hannah Collison, first wife of Allen Faxon\(^6\) Rathbun (Josiah\(^5\) Job\(^4\) Joshua\(^3\) John\(^2\)), was born July 25, 1797, in Dundas, Ontario, daughter of John and Hannah Collison. (Historian of Oct. 1988, page 61). Allen and his second wife, Isabella McIntosh, were apparently divorced and she remarried and died about 1864 in Chicago, according to Cooley.

Mary Angeline Rathbun, daughter of Joseph Anthony\(^6\) Rathbun (Benjamin\(^5\) Anthony\(^4\) Samuel\(^3\) Thomas\(^2\) John\(^1\)), married Whiting S. Gardiner on Nov. 30, 1859, in North Kingstown, R.I. If she was married to William H. Johnson as reported in our Historian of January 1990, page 14, it must have been a second marriage.

Johannah Brookings, wife of Asa\(^6\) Rathbun (Daniel\(^5\) Valentine\(^4\) Joshua\(^3\) John\(^2\)), was probably the daughter of Silas and Lucy Brookings. (Historian of Oct. 1987, page 60). Our thanks for this and the preceding items to Rob Rathbun.
People

ELWIN AND ELLEN KENYON of Charlestown, R.I., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 1993. A surprise party was given them on June 6 by their family and friends. Ellen is the daughter of Amos Rathbun (Charles Amos Newman Jonathan John). The Kenyons are long-time members of our Association.

MARJORIE RAYMOND and her husband Donald of Cranston, R.I., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 20, 1993. Marjorie is the daughter of Walter Rathbun (William John Robert John5-4 Samuel Thomas John1), and a long-time member of our Association.

SUSAN N. CHAMPLIN was married May 1, 1993, to Michael A. Pimental in East Greenwich, R.I. Susan is the daughter of Rollo and Mary E. (Rathbun) Champlin and granddaughter of Helen M. Rathbun, president of the Rhode Island-Connecticut branch of our Association. Helen is the daughter of Ernest Rathbun (Charles Seneca John Joseph Joshua John3-2-1), and the widow of Edward Rathbun (George Raymond Amy Olney Joshua Anthony Samuel Thomas John1).

SCOTT A. RATHBUN and Kathleen Murray were married May 22, 1993, at Pawcatuck, Conn. Scott is the son of our member David E Rathbun (Lawrence Everett Jerome Nathan Robert John Samuel Thomas John1), who is a member of our Association.

HEATHER J. RATHBUN received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Connecticut on May 23, 1993. She is the daughter of David Rathbun (see ancestry in preceding item).

Births


BORN—April 18, 1993, Samantha Jo and Jessica Danielle Curtis, twin daughters of David and Beth Curtis and granddaughters of our members Louie and Juanita (Rathbun) Curtis, of Turlock, Cal. Juanita is the daughter of Amory Rathbun (Charles William Alfred Wait Joshua John5-4).

BORN—Dec. 23, 1992, Gregory Eric Johnson, son of Kenneth and Tereen Johnson, grandson of our members Brooks and Ann Kelly of Pembroke, Mass., and great-granddaughter of the late Rhoda Durkan, a long-time member of our Association, who died last March 21, just three months after the birth of Gregory, her first great-grandchild. Rhoda was a descendant of Rhoda (Rathbun) Ellis (1774-1819), a daughter of Joshua Rathbun (John3-2-1).

BORN—May 13, 1993, Taner Scott Rathbun, son of Daniel and Caroline Rathbun and grandson of Pamela and Daniel Rathbun (William Daniel William Daniel4 Joshua John2-1). Daniel and Pamela are also the parents of Kimberly Lynn Rathbun, who married Nicholas Edward Geifer last Nov. 21 at Topeka, Kansas. In our last issue, page 32, we did not know her ancestry.

Eunice Babb, wife of Zebulon Rathburn (Edmund5 Jonathan4 John3-2-1), was born Aug. 27, 1790, in Mass., the daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Clark) Babb. She died in 1830. (Historian of April 1986, page 28.)