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Millard Fillmore Rathbun
(1852-1931)

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Letter from the Editor

This is the first issue of our "new" Historian—a 20-page magazine issued twice yearly. For 14 years, we have published 16 pages four times a year, so it is a big change. But the six months between issues is giving me a welcome relief and more time to pursue my other interests.

In past Historians, we have devoted three or four pages to the genealogy section. In this issue are eight pages of genealogy, and we are now well into the seventh generation of our family in America. We have also reached the chronological point—middle 1800s—when photography was becoming more common, so we will be printing more pictures of our ancestors and cousins born in the early 1800s.

If you have pictures dating to this era, please have copies made for me, if you have not already done so. We have funds to pay for such copying. I have a lot of pictures on hand, but I know there are many more out there in boxes and albums hidden away in attics, closets and old trunks. Dig them out for us!

Two of our feature stories this month are about Charles F. Rathbun and Millard F. Rathbun. Both stories were made possible because their descendants provided us with information and pictures. I again urge all of you to do the same for your grandparents or great-grandparents. You don't have to

be a skillful writer—just send me all the information you can find (and pictures). I will do the rest.

The information can come from old letters, diaries or newspaper clippings, or from stories and anecdotes handed down over the years. Talk with older members of your family.

We are running out of early family members who did "great" things and were "famous." But all of our ancestors have their own stories. They led interesting lives and deserve a story in our Historian, if only their descendants will put together the information.

A number of members have called or written to ask about the next reunion. We have had six national reunions over the last 14 years, on an every-other-year basis. This would have been the year for our next one. As those of you who have attended the reunions well know, most of the work has been done by my wife Hazel. She devoted a great deal of time to planning and carrying out each event.

But Hazel is now working, temporarily, and she just wouldn't have time to tackle a reunion this year. We have also noticed a drop in attendance figures over the years, and have run out of geographic locations with family historical connections.

To make a long story short, there will be no national reunion this year. For the future, all I can say is "maybe." In the meantime, I would like to see some of our members plan "regional reunions" in their sections of the country. I will be happy to publicize them in the Historian, and Hazel will gladly share her knowledge and experience.

In our last issue, we reported the death of John "Jack" Rathbun of Lansing, Michigan, one of our long-time members. We received word too late to provide much detail. We have since learned that Jack was fatally injured on August 8 and died six days later. His car was struck head-on by another auto, whose driver was speeding in the wrong lane.

Jack's sister-in-law, Lenora Rathbun, later found among his papers a letter

he had written to me just before the accident, and had never mailed! It was like receiving a letter from the grave. It was short, but touching:

"Frank—I think you are getting better, not older, as I read your last few issues. Along with hundreds of other persons, I am sorry to hear that you will be trimming the number of issues, but I can sure appreciate why. You have meant a lot to our family, and even though we don't see you and Hazel very often, we feel as though you are family. My hope is that you feel great. I was sorry to miss the last reunion, but I am now feeling much better, although the legs and arms aren't as strong as they used to be. We don't appreciate health until we lose it and I sure appreciate it now."

I first came across Jack some 40 years ago in Michigan, when he was president of the Lansing Jaycees, and I was president of the Lincoln Park Jaycees. He was a fine person, and an enthusiastic member of our Association. He and his daughters attended all of our national reunions until the last, when poor health made him miss it and his daughters came without him.

Our membership now stands at 472, a considerable drop from our 1994 total of 537. We will be making a mailing to those who did not renew, and hope to receive a good response.

Regretfully, I have nothing new to report on our efforts to persuade the postal service to issue a stamp honoring Captain John Peck Rathbun. Our request is still "under consideration," which in Washington bureaucratic language usually means "not interested."

That's about it for now. I hope you enjoy our "new" Historian. You will receive the fall issue next October or November.

Frank

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Rathbone Wife Helped Preserve Mount Vernon

A Rathbone woman played a major role during the late 1800s in helping to preserve Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, as one of our nation's most famous historical landmarks.

Elizabeth Bacon (Adams) Rathbone was born Feb. 3, 1837, the daughter of John and Susan (McMurphy) Adams. On Feb. 18, 1858, she was married to Dr. Joshua Henry Rathbone, the son of William Penn⁷ Rathbone (Joshua⁶⁻³ John²⁻¹).

William Penn Rathbone (1798-1877) was a prosperous Quaker cotton merchant of Providence, R.I., who moved in the 1820s to Augusta, Georgia, to be near his cotton supply. Joshua Henry was born August 12, 1832, in Augusta, and proved to be a bright, ambitious boy.

His father sent him to Harvard University, where he studied medicine, and then financed his stay for several years in Europe, where Joshua continued his medical studies at colleges in Germany and France.

Joshua returned to the United States in the 1850s and joined his parents in Providence, where they had returned about 1850, possibly because of growing anti-Northern sentiment in Georgia.

After his marriage to Elizabeth in 1858 at Augusta, Ga., they moved for a short time to Buffalo, N.Y., and then to Jamestown, N.Y., where he opened a medical practice. Over the next 15 years they had five children, two of whom died young.

Then, in 1877, Joshua's promising career was cut short. He fell ill and died on Nov. 21, aged 45. Elizabeth was left a widow at 40, with three young children aged five, ten and 13. Sometime in the next few years, she moved to Michigan, settling first near Ann Arbor, then in Detroit.

At some point, probably in the 1860s, she heard of the Mount Vernon



*Elizabeth B. Rathbone
(1837-1923)*

Ladies Association of the Union, which had been formed in 1853 through the efforts of Ann Cunningham. Elizabeth had a keen interest in history, and one of her maternal ancestors had served as an officer under Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Mount Vernon, which had been inherited by President George Washington's nephew, Bushrod Washington, was owned in the 1850s by Bushrod's grandson, John Augustine Washington. Even at that time, the plantation was a popular tourist spot, and many Americans annually visited there and paid homage at George Washington's tomb.

By that time, however, the original 4,000-acre plantation had shrunk to 200 acres, and the mansion had fallen into disrepair. It needed major repairs and restoration, but John Augustine Washington could not afford to undertake the work.

He decided to sell the property, but did not want it to fall into the hands of private owners who might subdivide the land. He offered it to the Federal Government for \$200,000, but was turned down. He made the same offer

to the State of Virginia, and again found no interest.

Ann Cunningham then entered the scene. In 1853, she and other Southern women formed the Mount Vernon Ladies Association and launched a fund-raising drive. In five years, they raised \$200,000 and purchased the plantation in 1858.

The women then began the task of raising funds to repair the mansion and restore the land, which became overgrown with weeds and underbrush. To emphasize that it would be a nationwide project, not a Southern one, they added "of the Union" to their name.

The clouds of Civil War were already forming, and the women did not want Mount Vernon to be only a Southern monument. Volunteers were sought in every state, North and South. Their efforts were so successful that, during the Civil War, Mount Vernon was untouched by soldiers fighting major battles in the area.

By common consent, it was neutral land, and soldiers from both the Union and Confederate Armies often visited there.

Elizabeth Bacon Adams Rathbone and other women collected thousands of dollars for the restoration project. They took pride in the fact that they never received any help from the government. The money all came from private citizens and groups.

Elizabeth played a growing role in the Association, and by the early 1880s she was vice-regent of the Michigan Chapter. In 1892, she became regent, head of the state organization.

Mount Vernon underwent a major renovation during these years. Additions and changes which had been made to the mansion after George Washington's death were elim-

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Rathbun Attorney Helps Break Up Al Capone Gang

This is the story of a Rathbun attorney who had a spectacular career and who played a major role in breaking up the crime empire of Al Capone in the gangland heyday of Chicago in the early 1930s.

Charles Francis Rathbun was born Jan. 13, 1883, at Edgertown, Ohio, the son of William⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ Alfred⁶ Wait⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹) and Margaret (Keebler) Rathbun.

After graduating from high school at Edgertown, Charles enrolled in 1900 at Lake Forest University (now the Kent College of Law) at Chicago, Illinois. During his final year there, he worked part time for a Chicago law firm, and graduated in 1904 with a law degree.

He practiced law in Chicago for several years, then in 1913 he joined the prestigious law firm of Kirkland, Martin, Flemming, Green and Ellis. That same year, on June 27, he was married to Dorothy W. Simms, daughter of Stephen Simms, then director of Chicago's Field Museum.

Rathbun remained with the Kirkland law firm for 20 years, gradually establishing a reputation as one of Chicago's ablest trial lawyers. In 1919, he made his first and only attempt at political office, when he entered the Republican primary for state attorney, but failed to win the nomination.

Rathbun's first "big" case came in 1925, when he was the defense attorney for an elderly millionaire, W.E.D. Stokes, who had married a beautiful young woman, and a short time later was accused of "character defamation" when he told friends that she had once been a prostitute.

The case attracted national attention, much like today's O.J. Simpson trial. Because of the widespread press coverage, a telegraph transmitter was installed in the courtroom, for the first time in history, to keep news organiza-



Charles F. Rathbun in 1926, during the Shepherd will trial.

tions abreast of each development in the trial.

Rathbun won an acquittal for Stokes in what was later described as "one of the most brilliant and masterly defenses in the history of the American bar."

One of Rathbun's lawyer friends wrote him a letter of congratulations on his "wonderful and well-earned victory," which gives us an idea of Rathbun's ability:

"Your whole manner and actions in this case showed that you have a wonderful knowledge of human nature ... you played your trump cards at the psychological moment in a skillful and daring manner that enabled you to win your case in spite of the fact that you had to buck a pretty young woman before a jury, and had a client who nearly talked himself into the penitentiary despite your objections."

In 1927, Rathbun was the defense counsel for William D. Shepherd in another famous trial, which dragged on for several years. Shepherd, an attorney, had drafted a will for his foster son, Billy McClintock, a young millionaire orphan, leaving his entire \$1,500,000 estate to Shepherd.

McClintock died a short time later of typhoid fever, and Shepherd was accused of injecting the young man with typhoid bacteria. He was charged with murder, but was acquitted. McClintock's fiancée and nine of his cousins then sued to have the will set aside, charging that Shepherd had exerted undue influence on McClintock.

Rathbun defended Shepherd in court, and won the case, adding to his reputation as a skillful trial lawyer.

In 1928, Rathbun went to court on behalf of two men who published a small newspaper in Minneapolis. They had openly charged city officials with protecting gamblers and criminals. One of the publishers was gunned down, apparently by a hit man, but he recovered. The newspaper continued to publish its charges, and a local judge, without even holding a trial, used an obscure state libel law to order the newspaper closed down.

A committee of leading newspaper publishers, headed by Colonel Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, formed a Committee for A Free Press, and hired Rathbun to challenge the judge's order.

Rathbun went to court and argued that the state libel law, as applied to newspapers, was unconstitutional, a violation of free-speech guarantees. The case went to the Minnesota Supreme Court, where Rathbun lost, but his work greatly impressed Colonel McCormick. He hired Rathbun as legal counsel for the Chicago Tribune. It was that position that brought Rathbun his most famous case.

Chicago in the late 1920s was notorious for crime, violence and public corruption. Competing mobster gangs battled each other in gunfights for control of the city's bootlegging, gambling and prostitution activities. The open warfare made Chicago famous for gangland murders.

The top crime leaders were all ruthless and dangerous men, but the worst was Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone, so-called because of an ugly facial scar suffered in a knife fight. Capone was a squat, unpleasant man who had come to Chicago from New York in 1919, aged 20, and quickly risen from a barroom bouncer to a gangland master in less than 10 years. He had become the symbol of organized crime, in Chicago and nationally.

Public opinion was outraged in 1929, when seven mobsters were lined up and killed in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, presumably on Capone's orders. Dozens of murders took place each week in the city. (Ironically, there are far more murders today in many of America's major cities than in Chicago during the gangland era).

Then, on July 9, 1930, a Chicago Tribune newspaper reporter, Alfred "Jake" Lingle, 38, was gunned down in broad daylight on a Chicago street. Gangsters killing gangsters was one thing; killing a newspaperman was something else.

The day after Lingle's funeral, Colonel McCormick, publisher of the Tribune, called a meeting of all the city's publishers, and outlined a plan for action. He called for the establishment of a special city unit to find Lingle's killer, and offered to pay the full expense of the investigation.

McCormick proposed that his attorney, Charles Rathbun, be put in charge of the project, and that Pat Roche, a noted private detective, be hired as chief investigator. The publishers agreed, and the offer was made to Prosecuting Attorney John A. Swanson, who also agreed.

Swanson was well aware of Rathbun's reputation, and when first elected had invited Rathbun to join his staff—an offer that Rathbun had declined. But now, Rathbun accepted

McCormick's proposal, and was sworn in as a "Special Prosecutor," with full power to investigate the Lingle murder.

Rathbun quickly put together a staff, with another attorney as his chief aide, Pat Roche as chief investigator, and a crew of detectives and other assistants. Special offices were set up in a downtown office building. McCormick had given Rathbun a virtually unlimited budget.



*Alphonse "Al" Capone
(1899-1947)*

Rathbun was then 48 years old and at the peak of his career. He had a home in the Chicago suburbs and a winter residence in Orlando, Florida, where he had also invested in five orange groves. He was widely respected in the city and had a host of friends at all levels of society.

McCormick had offered a \$25,000 reward for finding Lingle's killer, but Rathbun immediately announced that neither he nor any member of his investigation staff would be eligible for the money.

As the investigation began, Rathbun and Roche soon turned up some disturbing facts. Lingle, whose salary was \$65 a week, apparently had other sources of income. His bank account showed deposits of more than \$25,000 a year, and he had lost an estimated \$100,000 in the 1929 stock-market crash. He had bought a \$16,000 sum-

mer home, paying \$10,000 in cash for the down payment. He lived in an \$8-a-day suite at the Stevens Hotel.

Further investigation showed that he had borrowed thousands of dollars from Chicago politicians, businessmen and known gamblers, including \$5,000 from a Chicago alderman.

Rathbun also learned that Lingle was a friend of Al Capone, that he had visited Capone's estate in Miami Beach, and that Capone had given him an expensive, diamond-studded belt buckle.

Lingle was also a well-known figure at local race tracks, and habitually made bets of \$100 and up to \$1,000 on a single race. Police had found \$1,400 in cash in Lingle's pockets after he was killed.

Rathbun broke the news to Colonel McCormick—Lingle had not been a simple, clean-cut reporter, investigating Chicago's seedy underworld; he was a part of that world!

McCormick was dismayed, but not deterred. He told Rathbun to carry on with the investigation, find Lingle's killer, and start cleaning up the crime and corruption in Chicago.

Rathbun went to work with a vengeance. He soon realized that Capone and other top gang leaders had high-priced lawyers, who knew how to keep their clients out of jail. Arrests were immediately followed by writs and other legal orders which put the criminals back on the streets within hours.

Rathbun tried a new approach. After careful research of city statutes, he found one that he could use. It authorized the arrest for vagrancy of anyone "with no legal means of support." And suspects could be held in jail until trial!

He tested the plan on two middle-ranking gangsters—Israel "Izzy" Alderman and Joe Condi. They were charged with vagrancy, convicted, and sentenced to six months' hard labor.

Then Rathbun went after the higher ups. Twenty-eight of the city's top gang leaders were arrested, including Capone. Frantic calls to their attorneys bought quick results. The resourceful lawyers suddenly revealed that Capone and the others were "directors"

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Millard Fillmore Rathbun: A Man of Many Talents

This story of Millard Fillmore Rathbun (1852-1931) is based on information compiled by his great-grandson, Douglas Miller, a member of our Association. It is the kind of story that we have often urged our members to send us about their ancestors. Millard Rathbun was not "great" or "famous," but he led an interesting life and his story sheds much light on everyday life in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Millard Fillmore Rathbun was born Feb. 25, 1852, on a farm near Courtland, DeKalb County, Illinois, the son of Edwin Jay⁷ Rathbun (Solomon⁶ Demarcus⁵ Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

He was named for Millard Fillmore, then serving as the 14th president of the United States. Edwin and his wife Laura (Munsell) Rathbun had a penchant for naming their children after well-known people of the day. Other sons were named Daniel Webster Rathbun, after a prominent U.S. senator, and Francis Marion Rathbun, after a famous Revolutionary War general known as the "Swamp Fox." A daughter was named Florence Nightingale Rathbun, after the widely-known English nurse.

Edwin and Laura moved from New York state to Illinois soon after their marriage in 1847, and bought a farm near Courtland. It was here that Millard and his three brothers and two sisters grew up. One of the brothers, Cyrenus, died in his teens. All the other children had long lives.

Millard worked on his father's farm and attended the local one-room school. He proved to be an adept student, and after graduating, he was hired by the school board to teach in that same school.

Much of what Douglas Miller has learned about Millard comes from a diary he kept in 1877. Millard no doubt kept diaries for other years, but only that one has survived.



Millard F. Rathbun (right), smoking a cigar with a friend about 1876.

In 1877, Millard was still teaching, and boarding in the homes of his students living near the school. When school was in recess, he worked at a variety of jobs to earn a living. He painted and varnished, clerked for store owners and did farm work—husking corn, feeding and watering livestock, digging potatoes, pulling turnips and beets, repairing barns and fences, and taking horses to the blacksmith to be shod.

In his spare time, he improved his teaching skills by reading or studying such subjects as grammar, history or mathematics.

Interest in education was a hallmark in this branch of our family. Millard's grandfather, Demarcus Rathbun, built one of the first schools near his home in Chatauqua County, N.Y., and taught for some years. That school district today still bears his name. One of Millard's aunts, Chloe Rathbun, was a

school teacher, as were two of Millard's sisters. Millard later was to send his son and three daughters to college—an amazing record for that day.

But Millard was hardly a "bookworm." He had many other interests. In the winter there were sleigh rides and ice-skating parties. In the summer and fall were picnics and ballgames. And year-round there was dancing and billiards, the latter one of his favorite pastimes.

A typical day off would find Millard in Courtland, at meetings of his Oddfellows Lodge, snacking at the ice-cream parlor, shooting billiards, or enjoying a good cigar while playing cards—pedro or euchre—in the back room of the local tavern. But he never drank alcohol. While his companions drank beer, he sipped soda pop.

Millard and his family often attended temperance meetings, but he had a "live and let live" attitude about others drinking.

He apparently took a similar approach to religion. His family was originally Baptist, but Millard was raised as a Congregationalist. Later he attended Methodist and Universalist churches, but never seemed to embrace any particular faith.

On Dec. 6, 1877, he wrote in his diary: "Went to Sabbath School and Church Services. Heard something called a sermon but could make nothing out of it worth the time spent in listening."

Millard was well liked and had a large circle of friends, and he was devoted to his parents, sisters and brothers. He acquired the nickname of "Mid".

On Sept. 29, 1877, according to his diary, he started for his parents' home about 4 p.m. with a newly trained colt pulling his buggy. He reached the Rathbun home three hours later and found "the folks had been a little anx-

ious about me on account of my driving a young horse."

He spent the night there and the next evening he "hitched up the colt to take the girls (his young sisters) out for a drive. We went nearly to Syracuse when the horse became frightened at a bridge that was out of repair, and jumped to one side, smashing a wheel. We managed to get home safely."

In his school, Millard encountered problems that would be familiar to today's teachers. He had 27 pupils, "half of them full-grown."

A sampling of his diary entries reveals some of his frustrations:

"Another day of school wasted. I found my pupils to be a lively crowd ... accustomed to doing about as they pleased."

"At school as usual. Was under the necessity of reprimanding young ladies for whispering and laughing."

"School went off very pleasantly though a great deal of whispering made it quite noisy. I think of adopting a system of governing by numbering the seats and seating the pupils according to their deportment."

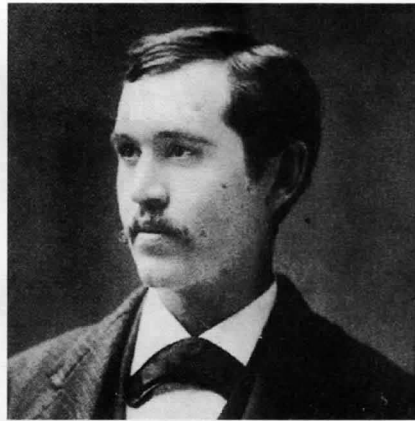
"I shook a boy in school pretty hard for disorderly conduct and feel assured that he will conduct himself quite becomingly hereafter."

Millard closely followed a court case that year involving the right of a teacher to read to his students from the Bible. It was of special interest to him since he opened each day's classes with a reading from "the testament."

Millard no doubt had plenty of girl friends in his early years, for he was a handsome and popular boy. Serious romance entered his life in 1876, when he was 24. On August 27 that year, at the Kane County Fair, he met Ida Jane Seavy.

Ida was 19, charming, intelligent and full of fun. She had beautiful dark brown eyes and a lovely full head of brilliant red hair. It was "love at first sight" for Millard, and the feeling was apparently mutual. At Christmas that year, he offered Ida a plain golden ring, and she accepted it. He later described that day as an "eventful time in my life, one never to be forgotten."

Ida was a student at Sugar Grove Normal School, studying to be a



Millard and Ida Rathbun about the time of their marriage.



Millard and Ida Rathbun about 1895.

teacher, so they had much in common. They exchanged letters all during 1877 and in September he attended her commencement exercises at Sugar Grove.

At Christmas time, Ida gave him "a beautiful scarf which she had knit herself," and he bought her a book of Owen Meredith's poetry. They also decided that it was time to take the traditional step of seeking permission from her parents to discuss marriage.

"Her folks thought we were old enough to know what we wanted as well as anyone," Millard wrote in his diary. "We had a good visit."

The wedding was set for April 16, 1878, at Sugar Grove, and on that date Millard and Ida began a marriage that was to last for 53 years.

The newlyweds moved onto a farm at Kanessville, near Ida's parents, where their first child, Donald Seavy Rathbun, was born three years later on Sept. 12, 1881.

The following year, in 1882, Millard, Ida and little Donald moved to Iowa, where they purchased a 60-acre farm in Plymouth County. Three years later, his parents, Edwin and Laura Rathbun, also moved to Iowa and settled in nearby Pierson, in Woodbury County.

Millard's selection of a homesite proved to be a good investment. In 1883, the Chicago and Northwest Railroad built a depot near Rathbun's land, which became the nucleus for what was to become the town of Kingsley.

The railroad and the nearby depot were to mean prosperity for the Rathbuns. Millard kept expanding his property and eventually had 660 acres. He also bought 400 acres in South Dakota as an investment.

On his farm, Rathbun raised belted Hampshire hogs and white-faced Hereford cattle, which he fed and fattened with corn, oats and alfalfa grown

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on his own land. The stock was shipped in the fall to the Chicago stockyards, using the nearby depot.

Millard made annual trips to Texas to purchase breeding stock. (See accompanying picture).

He also grew wheat to be sold at the grain elevator in Kingsley, and a fine white barley, which he shipped to a brewery in Minneapolis.

In 1883, Ida had the first of three daughters, Elva M., born August 24. Then came Bertha Clara in February 1885, followed by Laura May on May 1, 1894.

Both Millard and Ida led busy lives in addition to farming and raising children. He became active in political affairs and served many years as chairman of the Plymouth County Republican Committee. He was also a Mason and Shriner.

Ida was active in the Social Circle of the Congregational Church, a member of the Eastern Star for 48 years, and belonged to many other local organizations. As a hobby, she did quilting and fine needlework.

About 1901, nearing his 50th birthday, Millard decided to move into town. They built a three-story home in Kingsley, but he still continued to personally manage his farm holdings, and helped out there when needed. He was a powerfully-built man with a hardy constitution, and remained physically vigorous all his life.

As their children grew up, Millard and Ida made sure that all were well educated. The daughters were sent to private girls' schools for post-secondary education, and Donald graduated from Cornell College in Iowa, then earned a master's degree and law degree at George Washington University.

When their daughter Elva showed an aptitude for music, they bought her a piano, and she later studied music at the Chicago Art Institute.

After the children were all married, Millard made them an interesting offer. He had always loved Ida's beautiful red hair, and he announced that he would give \$500 to the first couple who



Millard F. Rathbun, right, about 1910 on a cattle-buying trip to Texas. He and his companion are standing in front of an early "open-air" bus, probably one of the first ever photographed.

produced a red-haired grandchild. That was a princely sum at that time, probably equivalent to more than \$10,000 today. Sadly for him, although there were a number of grandchildren, none of them were redheads.

As they grew older, Millard and Ida loved to travel, making frequent short trips throughout Iowa and neighboring states, and often to Chicago, Denver and even once to Florida, where they saw the battleship Maine, which had been recovered from its watery grave in Havana Bay, Cuba.

A shopping trip by railroad to Chicago was an annual event. There they could buy items not to be found in small farm towns. At Marshall Fields, they purchased finer clothing, and such household items as silverware and china for their wainscotted dining room, where they held dinners for up to 18 guests at a time. Ida bought jewelry for herself, and as presents for the girls.

Millard was raised on a farm and loved horses, but he became fascinated by automobiles. He had a garage built, and always kept two cars. He bought a new Packard every two

years, and parked it next to his pride and joy—a cream-colored, slope-nosed Franklin, with white balloon tires.

But he never forgot his farm roots. In the garage, he had a special section for his long-time favorite horse, Dolly. He couldn't bear to leave her behind when they moved to town.

Dolly was dressed up in bells and red ribbons at Christmastime, and hitched up to the family's cherished old sleigh. For years, Millard and Ida took their children, and later grandchildren, on Christmas sleigh rides in the snow.

The garage was also a special haven for another of Millard's pastimes. He loved to read the "dime novels" of the day, such as Zane Gray's western stories of the Old West. But Ida considered such books unsuitable to be kept in the house, so Millard kept them in the garage next to Dolly's stall, and he read them there.

He also maintained his love of cards and billiards and often strolled downtown for that purpose. In later years, Ida forbid him to take his grandsons into the "pool hall" on his downtown trips.

In 1928, Millard and Ida celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with a festive party attended by a host of friends and relatives.

The next year, saw the beginning of the Great Depression. The stock market collapsed, banks closed, jobs disappeared, banks foreclosed on mortgages and breadlines formed on streets throughout the nation.

Millard had always been a prudent man who saved his money and avoided debt, so the Rathbuns survived with little difficulty. But he was also a generous and compassionate man. During those bleak years, he loaned four neighbors between \$10,000 and \$15,000 each to save their houses from foreclosure. He took only their word for security, and all the money was eventually repaid.

On a hot day in July 1931, Millard was helping out on one of his farms when he fell ill, apparently with a heart attack. He lived only a few days, and died July 7, aged 79.

Ida lived another 15 years, still active and healthy. In her 80s, her eyesight began to fail, but her hearing was uncannily accurate.

At Christmastime, 1945, when she was 87, her grandson, Robert Rathbun Miller, returned home after serving as an officer in the Army during World War II. He called ahead and told family members not to let Ida know he was coming. He wanted to surprise his old grandmother.

He arrived at the Rathbun home, went to the rear door, and started to walk through the kitchen to the parlor where Ida was sitting. He had taken only a few steps, when Ida quietly asked, "Is that you Robert?" Her hearing was so good that she had recognized his footsteps!

On that visit, she told her grandson how much she still missed her husband, and added, "It's about time that I join your grandfather." A few weeks later, she died.

(Robert Rathbun Miller, grandson of Millard and Ida, is now 74 and lives in California. His son, Douglas, an attorney, gathered the data and pictures for this story with the help of his father. We thank them both very much and urge other members to follow suit.)

Births

BORN—Nov. 16, 1994, Camryn Marie Schultz, daughter of Randy and Robin Schultz and granddaughter of our members, Juanita and Robert¹⁰ Rathbun (Robert⁹⁻⁸ Clarence⁷ Guy⁶ Amiziah⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

BORN—March 2, 1995, Jeremy David Bartlett son of Jeremy and Leslie Bartlett, grandson of Russell and Joan (Lieuellen) Bartlett, and great-grandson of our member William Lieuellen, the son of Arthur Lieuellen and Ora Jane⁸ Rathbun (David⁷ Lewis⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

BORN—Jan. 17, 1995, Caroline Jean Oskar, daughter of Paul and Suzanne (Lamoureux) Oskar, granddaughter of James and Ella May (Rathbun) Lamoureux, and great-granddaughter of Helen¹⁰ Rathbun (Ernest⁹ Charles⁸ Seneca⁷ John⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Helen is the widow of Edward¹⁰ Rathbun (George⁹ Raymond⁸ Amy⁷ Olney⁶ Joshua⁵ Anthony⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Helen and Ella are members of our Association.

BORN—Feb. 14, 1995, Anna Joy Stefano, daughter of Jeremy and Bethany (Rathbun) Stefano, and granddaughter of our members Arnold and Carol (Flanders) Rathbun. Arnold is the brother of Helen Rathbun (see preceding birth).

BORN—Oct. 5, 1994, James Tanner Ely, son of James and Crystal Sue (Rathbun) Ely; grandson of Ronald and Mildred Rathbun, and great-grandson of our member Paul⁹ Rathbun (Frederick⁸ William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

BORN—July 26, 1994, Jacob Harry Peake, son of Scott and Rana Peake and granddaughter of Mary (Rathbun) Peake, daughter of Richard⁹ Rathbun (Alonzo⁸ Lewis⁷ Ransom⁶ Daniel⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

BORN—March 11, 1994, Canace Rathburn Finley, daughter of James and Sarah (Rathburn) Finley and granddaughter of our members Mr. and Mrs. Roger¹¹ Rathburn (Raymond¹⁰ James⁹ Elijah⁸ Sereno⁷ Elijah⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ William³⁻² John¹).

BORN—May 4, 1994, Conner Joseph Green, son of Mark and Tracy Green, grandson of William and Joyce Stone, and great-grandson of our member Beverly B. Stone, who is the granddaughter of George T. Brown and Mary Adeline⁷ Rathbone (Thomas⁶ Jonathan⁵ Coggeshall⁴ Abraham³ Samuel² John¹).

BORN—Jan. 6, 1995, Rylee Dallas Jager, son of Rollie and Joyce (Rathbun) Jager. Joyce is the daughter of Gerald¹⁰ Rathbun (Elzie⁹ Henry⁸ William⁷ Gideon⁶ Job⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

Mount Vernon

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inated, and the mansion was restored to its original look. The weeds and brush were cleared away, and the entire estate was landscaped to its earlier condition.

Continuing the fund-raising efforts, the women began to decorate the home and furnish it with as many original pieces as possible. Some of George Washington's original furniture was still in the house, and other original items were located and purchased. Missing pieces were replaced with exact replicas, made by skilled craftsmen.

Elizabeth continued her activities with the Association for some 30 years. She also became a member of the Society of Colonial Dames, and eventually became president of the group's Michigan chapter. She finally had to give up her busy schedule due to ill health and in 1918 resigned as an officer of the Mount Vernon Association.

She died five years later on Feb. 23, 1923, at the age of 85.

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of legitimate business enterprises. The 28 mobsters had "legal means of support" and had to be released. Friendly judges dismissed the charges.

Rathbun then adopted a new tactic. He was certain that Capone had either ordered the slaying of Lingle, or knew who had. He decided to "put on some heat."

He told Roche to "hit them where it hurts. Break up the joints that bring them their money."

Roche and his men, often accompanied by sledge hammers, crowbars, axes and tear gas, they descended on Capone's houses of prostitution, gambling dens and speakeasies. The places were demolished, and the operators taken to jail.

Then Rathbun searched police records, and began to arrest Capone's top lieutenants on outstanding warrants and for parole violations. Many of the mob leaders began fleeing Chicago for their traditional havens in nearby Cicero and other suburbs. Rathbun followed them. He personally led raids on hotels and boarding houses known to be gang hideouts.

The pressure brought results. A wealthy businessman came to Rathbun's office with word that "the Big Fellow wants to see you." Rathbun refused to meet with Capone, but agreed to send one of his agents to Capone's mansion. The meeting took place Oct. 21, 1930.

The agent reported back that Capone was worried, and had commented, "If this keeps up, I'll have to pack up and get out of Chicago."

Now knowing that his tactics were working, Rathbun kept up the pressure, and soon received an interesting offer from Capone to help find Lingle's killer. Rathbun ignored the message, and then received another—Would he be satisfied and end his campaign if Capone produced the dead body of Lingle's killer?

Rathbun sent back this message: "Tell Capone I know he's bluffing and that he can go to hell."

Then came rumors that Capone had ordered Rathbun killed. Police arrested

two armed men waiting in an automobile outside Rathbun's office. Rathbun took precautions, but kept up the pressure. He knew the end was drawing near for Capone.

Rathbun and Roche joined with FBI agents in a raid which resulted in the arrest of Frank Nitti, Capone's business manager. Then in April 1931, Anton Cermak, a reform candidate was elected mayor of Chicago, and scores of corrupt politicians were swept from office.

On June 5, a Federal grand jury indicted Capone for income tax evasion. He was convicted and sent to a Federal penitentiary. The Capone gang was smashed. "Scarface Al" was released eight years later, mentally deranged with syphilis. He lived another eight years, and died in 1947.

Chicago historians credit Rathbun's anti-gang crusade as the opening wedge in Capone's downfall.

Rathbun's primary task was also being concluded. He had been asked to find Jake Lingle's assassin, and he had done it. He and Roche had hired John Hagan, a former mobster, to infiltrate the gangland underworld and identify the Lingle killer.

Hagan was told that the triggerman was a Kansas City mobster named Leo V. Brothers, alias Louis V. Brader, who had a long record of arrests, but no convictions, in Kansas City and St. Louis.

Rathbun and Roche led a raiding team which arrested Brothers Dec. 21, 1930, in a Chicago apartment house. In court, several witnesses to the Lingle shooting identified Brothers as the killer. Although he maintained his innocence, Brothers was convicted on April 3, 1931, and sentenced to 14 years in prison. The relatively light sentence surprised Rathbun, but he had done all he could. So far as we know, Brothers never revealed who had hired him to kill Lingle.

John Hagan, the undercover agent, collected the Tribune's \$25,000 reward.

Rathbun returned to his law practice and in 1932 defended Henry F. Norcott in another famous case. Norcott was president of the H.O. Stone Investment Company, which had gone bankrupt

that year, leaving thousands of investors out some \$42,000,000.

Norcott was accused of mail fraud, illegal loans and bookkeeping illegalities. The evidence against him was overwhelming, but Rathbun won an acquittal. He won the case by arguing that the firm's financial problems were caused by honest errors and by the great market crash of 1929, which wiped out many companies.

In the next few years, Rathbun began to specialize in real estate law and zoning problems. In 1936, he and his wife Dorothy were divorced, and he took up residence in a private club.

After the United States entered World War II in December, 1941, Rathbun was hired by the United States Justice Department as a land-litigation specialist, and was sent to Hawaii early in January 1942. He remained there nearly five years, handling land-condemnation cases for the government. His primary task was obtaining private land for military use, especially in the Pearl Harbor area.

Rathbun returned to Chicago and resumed his law practice there in 1947. Five years later, in 1952, he was appointed chief counsel for the Chicago city council's Emergency Crime Committee. The problem of crime was again plaguing the city. But Rathbun was then 70 years old, and was in failing health.

He resigned the post in 1954, and the following year he moved to Augusta, Georgia, to live with his only daughter, Dorothy Copley. He died Nov. 28, 1955, aged 72, in an Augusta hospital, survived by his daughter and two grandchildren.

(Much of the information for this story came from a fascinating book, "Jake Lingle, or Chicago on the Spot," written in 1931 by John Boettiger, a Chicago Tribune reporter who was the Tribune's liaison man with Rathbun's committee. Other data and the picture of Charles Rathbun came from newspaper clippings retained by his daughter, Dorothy Copley, a former member of our Association.)

Obituaries

DIED—Dec. 2, 1994, Lowell F. Gillette, 62, of Frankfort, N.Y. He was the husband of Beverly (Rathbun) Gillette, both members of our Association. Other survivors include a son, Darryl; brother, Robert Gillette, and a granddaughter, Kristin Gillette. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Beverly is the daughter of James⁹ Rathbun (James⁸ John⁷⁻⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

DIED—Jan. 2, 1995, Frances M. Rathbun, 71, of Silver Spring, Maryland. She was the wife of our member Edwin Roy⁹ Rathbun (Edwin⁸⁻⁷ Ebenezer⁶⁻⁵ Thomas⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹). In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children, Gloria S. Stelmokas, Ellen M. Czeh, Kenneth Rathbun and Keith Rathbun; two grandchildren; her mother, Sue Merritt, and a sister.

DIED—Dec. 5, 1994, Dr. Robert Wayne Lewis, 75, of Boise, Idaho. He was the husband of our member Eloise (Rathbun) Lewis, who is the daughter of Frank⁸ Rathbun (Thomas⁷ Norris⁶ Thomas⁵⁻⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹). In addition to his wife, Dr. Lewis is survived by five children from a previous marriage; a sister, and several grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

DIED—Jan. 27, 1985, Henry Maurice Rathbun, 83, of Aurora, Col. A former member of our Association, he was the son of James⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ John⁶ Alfred⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Survivors include his wife, Mary; a brother, Ernest Rathbun; a son, Edward Rathbun; two daughters, Carol Thomas and Sandra Crabtree; several stepchildren, and 30 grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

DIED—Feb. 4, 1995, Elizabeth Rose Rathbun, 82, of Syracuse, N.Y. She is survived by a daughter, Joan A. Butler; nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. We do not know her identity. Can anyone help?

DIED—Feb. 18, 1995, Richmond John "Jack" Rathbone, 88, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. A founding member of our Association, he was the son of Richmond⁸ Rathbone (Arthur⁷ Laurin⁶ Daniel⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He is survived by a daughter, Mary Acker; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Jack had a marvelous collection of family memorabilia, including silverware, furniture, letters and documents.

DIED—Sept. 17, 1994, Ruby Fern (Rathbun) Reser, 93, at Salem, Ore. She was the widow of Joseph Reser and the daughter of Millard Taylor⁷ Rathbun (William⁶ Ami⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). Survivors include a son, Gerald Reser, a member of our Association; daughter, Phyllis Rice; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

DIED—Oct. 8, 1994, Louise Randolph Hartley, 89, of Washington, D.C. She was the widow of Harry Livingston Hartley and the daughter of Dr. Buckner M. Randolph and Clara Pauline⁸ Rathbone (Henry⁷ Jared⁶ Samuel⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹). Her grandfather, Henry Rathbone, was with President Abraham Lincoln on the night of his assassination. She is survived by three children and seven grandchildren.

DIED—Sept. 10, 1994, Ruth A. MacPherson, 83, at El Cajon, Calif. She was the widow of Donald William MacPherson and the daughter of Roswell Marshall⁸ Rathburn (David⁷ Lewis⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). She is survived by three daughters, Donna Barhyte, a member of our Association; Elizabeth Edgerton, and Joycelin McManus; 11 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

DIED—Oct. 9, 1994, Grace McCrath, 83, of Wayne, Mich. She was the widow of Donald "Bob" McCrath, a son of Walter McCrath and Louise Virginia⁸ Rathbun (Hugo⁷ Charles⁶ Amos⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). She is survived by a son, Kenneth McCrath, and several grandchildren.

DIED—Oct. 25, 1994, Florence Vulgamore, 85, at LaJunta, Colo. A former member of our Association, she was the daughter of Lillie Goldie⁸ Rathbun (Patrick⁷ Benjamin⁶⁻⁵ William⁴ Job³ Joseph² John¹) and Elijah Hale. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and several grandchildren. She supplied us with much data on her branch of the family.

DIED—Dec. 9, 1994, Francis J. Murphy, 74, at Little Falls, N.Y. He was the son of John Murphy and Caroline⁹ Rathbun (John⁸⁻⁷⁻⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). He is survived by his wife, Mary; four daughters and a son; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; four brothers, and two sisters.

DIED—Feb. 17, 1995, Richard Palmer Rathbun, 49, of North Franklin, Conn. He was the son of Irving Palmer Rathbun, grandson of Charles Rathbun and great-grandson of Lucius Rathbun, whose father Justin Rathbun we have not been able to place. He is survived by his wife Carol-Lou; three daughters, Cindy-Lou Roberts, Wendy May Rathbun and Kelly Jeanne Rathbun; his mother, Mabel Gavin; a brother, Robert Rathbun, and one grandson. Mr. Rathbun, who was an official of the Connecticut State Department of Transportation, was fatally injured in a traffic accident, one half mile from his home.

In our April 1994 obituaries, we were unable to identify Elizabeth (Rathbun) Wilson, whose son Robert died Feb. 7, 1994. She is the daughter of Willis Henry⁹ Rathbun (George⁸ Seneca⁷ John⁶ Joseph⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹). Our thanks to Frank E. Rathbun.

ERNEST L. RATHBUN JR. and Donna M. Margosian were married Oct. 29, 1994, at Providence, R.I. He is the son of Ernest¹¹ Rathbun (Ernest¹⁰⁻⁹ George⁸ Jeremiah⁷ Robert⁶ Samuel⁵ Roger⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

Genealogy: The Seventh Generation in America

162. LEWIS AUGUSTUS⁷ RATHBUN (Allen⁶⁻⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Nov. 23, 1828, in Chenango County, N.Y. He was married May 15, 1846, to Lois Delilah Nicholson, born June 22, 1830, daughter of Rev. John and Roby (Steere) Nicholson. They lived on a farm at McDonough, N.Y., where Lewis died March 3, 1876. Lois was married again about 1878 to the Rev. Lemuel Dexter and died Dec. 11, 1914, at Pharsalia, N.Y.

CHILDREN

ANNA LUCETTE, born April 1, 1848; married Harvey Christopher Manzer on Oct. 21, 1867.

LUCY AUGUSTA, born March 31, 1850; married Eli W. Barrows on Jan. 7, 1868.

JOHN ANSEL, born Sept. 27, 1852; married Bessie Hibbard.

FLORA ALMIRA, born June 2, 1855; died Oct. 27, 1863.

GEORGE LEWIS, born April 31, 1858; married Meretta Thompson.

JULIA AMELIA, born March 27, 1861; died March 28, 1861.

JENNIE AMANDA, born June 20, 1865; married Ulrich Watson Fredenburg.

CLARK AUGUSTUS, born August 14, 1870; died August 15, 1870.

MARY VICTORA, born September 23, 1871; married _____ Allen.

163. JOHN G.⁷ RATHBUN (Allen⁶⁻⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born in January 1832, in Chenango County, N.Y., and married there Jan. 1, 1856, Almira Philley, born about 1836, ancestry unknown. They lived for a number of years in McDonough, Chenango County, but by the 1860s were in Troy, Bradford County, Pa., where Almira died in September 1869, of consumption, aged 33. John was married again

in 1870 to Mary _____, born about 1844, parentage unknown. She apparently died by 1900, for in the Federal census that year John had a wife named Florence, aged 40. Nothing more is known of them.

CHILDREN

By Almira

ADELBERT J., born in Feb. 1856; married Anna Shoemaker.

CARRIE, born about 1862; no further data.

MARY, born about 1864; married Gordon F. Rockwell Dec. 24, 1892.

By Mary

AUSTIN B., born about 1866; married (?) Emma (Fessenden) Atkins.

CORA, born about 1876; married William Duke Dec. 30, 1897.

By Florence (?) These two daughters are listed as Rathbuns in the 1900 census but it is not certain whether they were her daughters by John or by a previous marriage.

JENNIE A., born in March 1885; no further data.

DAISY M., born in March 1887; no further data.

164. MAURICE⁷ RATHBUN (Allen⁶⁻⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born March 15, 1833, probably at Greene, N.Y. He was married Oct. 1, 1856, in Chenango County, to Julia Elotia Brooks, born May 10, 1839, daughter of Samuel and Dolly Stevens (Leonard) Brooks. They lived for a few years in Pennsylvania, in Tioga and Forest counties and then moved west, first to Missouri and then to Kansas. Maurice died June 9, 1893, at Ottawa, Kansas, and Julia was married again in 1911 to J.G. Kennedy, when she was 72. She died about two years later in Colorado.

CHILDREN

FRANK ARTHUR, born Aug. 8, 1857; married (1) on July 4, 1886, in Rock County, Wisc., to Victoria Davis, born in Oct. 1847, parentage unknown. They were apparently divorced and he married Nellie Marsh Oct. 22, 1893, in St. Paul, Minn. Nothing more is known of them. His first wife, Victoria, was living in 1900 at Tangepaho, La. He had no known children by either wife.

SARAH MARIA, born June 20, 1859; married Paul Brooks Oct. 9, 1883.

MARTHA LAVINA, born Feb. 21, 1862; married George S. Turner Dec. 30, 1879.

CAROL ASHTON, born Nov. 21, 1865; married (1) Minnie Watts, and (2) Louise C. _____.

MARYETTA E., born Aug. 20, 1872; married Charles Kiser Dec. 23, 1893.

165. GEORGE⁷ RATHBUN (Allen⁶⁻⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born in July 1842 at McDonough, N.Y. He was married in the 1870s to Victoria Congdon, born in September 1848, probably the daughter of Samuel Congdon, who was living with them in 1900, aged 76. George and Victoria were living at Troy, Pa., in 1880, but apparently moved for a time to Kansas City, Mo., where their children were born. They returned to Pennsylvania and were living there in 1900 at Barton in Tioga County. Nothing more is known of them.

CHILDREN

MAUDE A., born in April 1884. No further data.

ALLEN M., born in Dec. 1885; married (1) Marion M. Gladden, and (2) Cassie E. Hurley.

166. REUBEN WILLIAM⁷ RATHBUN (Allen⁶⁻⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born in October 1851 in McDonough, N.Y. He was married first to Ellen Marie Sargent, born Aug. 28, 1852, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hicks) Sargent. She died Oct. 2, 1878, probably in childbirth, and Reuben was married about a year later to Mary Cross, born in October 1857, parentage unknown. They lived in Bradford County, Pa., where Mary died sometime after 1910. He reportedly died in Florida, but the date is not known.

CHILDREN

By Ellen

DELOS A., born in May 1873; married Mamie Cosner.

BLANCHE, born about 1875; married _____ Warner.

By Mary

FLOYD A., born May 27, 1880; married Frances J. _____.

JOHN R., born in August 1881; married Vera _____.

WAYNE A., born in Feb. 1887; married (1) Lena Gilmore, and (2) Edith Slade.

KENDRICK J., born in May 1891; married Ruby _____.

GEORGE T., born May 16, 1894; married (1) Louisa Hanscom, and (2) Ruth McIlvain.

167. GEORGE CLINTON⁷ RATHBUN (Gideon⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born May 20, 1830, probably at Norwich, N.Y. He moved as a young man with his parents to Wisconsin and was married there, in Rock County on June 26, 1864, to Mary Ann Bodycoat, born in 1843, daughter of Thomas and Charlotte (Miller) Bodycoat, both born in England. Mary Ann died in 1873 at Avon, Wisconsin, and George was married again on Oct. 26, 1875, to Matilda Miller, born about 1855, daughter of Robert and Mary (Hild) Miller and possibly a cousin of his first wife. They lived at Beloit, Wisconsin, where George died Oct. 27, 1893. Matilda was married the following year on Dec. 24, 1894, to Charles H. Crist. Her death date is not known.

CHILDREN

All by Mary

ARTHUR EUGENE, born Nov. 16, 1864; married Effie Eckert.

GEORGE FREDERICK, born Nov. 5, 1866; married Ida Lulu Wooley.

HENRY (HARRY) C., born Nov. 5, 1869; married Ella A. Conrad Oct. 4, 1890, in Denver, Colo., and died there of tuberculosis May 16, 1896, with no known children. Ella was born in August 1873, daughter of Jacob G. and Katherine Conrad. Nothing more is known of her.



Henry C. Rathbun
(1869-1896)

168. CHARLES A.⁷ RATHBUN (Gideon⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), was born June 17, 1834, in Norwich, N.Y. He was married Jan. 7, 1857, in Chenango County, N.Y., to Antoinette Dexter and moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, where she died about 1859. He was then married on April 17, 1864, to Mary McCaffrey, born in 1845, daughter of Hugh and Rosa (Mackey) McCaffrey. Charles was a teacher, carpenter, railroad baggage master and telegraph operator. He served in a Wisconsin regiment during the Civil War. He later became a farmer, but in 1885 purchased a paper plant in Beloit. Mary died there Jan. 13, 1917, and Charles died Feb. 3, 1923.

CHILDREN

By Antoinette

MARIETTA, born about 1859; died May 28, 1869.

By Mary

CHARLES EDWARD, born April 2, 1865; married Cora Lenderman.

169. JEDEDIAH R.⁷ RATHBUN (Gideon⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Jan. 13, 1843, probably in Pharsalia, N.Y. He went to Beloit, Wisconsin, with his parents, and was married there Oct. 29, 1868, to Almira Holman, born in October 1850, parentage unknown. He served with a Wisconsin Army unit during the last year of the Civil War. They lived for a few years in Manchester, Boone County, Illinois, but returned to Beloit where he died March 6, 1898. Almira died there April 24, 1917.

CHILDREN

NELLIE, born about 1872; married Robert Jay Eddy on June 25, 1896.

FRANK, born about 1876; died May 11, 1881.

CHARLES BURTON, born Oct. 27, 1877; married Madge Lenderman.

170. ELI T.⁷ RATHBUN (Joseph⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1841 at Pharsalia, N.Y. He was married about 1865 to Mary _____, born in August 1841, parentage unknown. They lived at Smithville Flats, in Chenango County, where he died some time after 1875. Mary was living as late as 1920 at Smithville Flats.

CHILDREN

ELLA W., born about 1866; died young?

CHILD, name unknown, born about 1867; died young.

171. DAVID⁷ RATHBUN (Benjamin⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about

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1844, probably in New York City, and served as a carpenter during the Civil War in a New Jersey cavalry regiment. He married Caroline Augusta Pryor on July 27, 1870, lived several years with her parents, then moved to City Heights, N.J. He died of consumption on May 20, 1878, in a Jersey City Hospital. Caroline was living at Northcastle, N.Y., in 1900, with their daughter.

CHILD

MARLEY (?) G. (a daughter), born in July 1877; alive unmarried in White Plains, N.Y., in 1926.

172. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁷ RATHBUN (Benjamin⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born March 8, 1848, in New York City. He was married August 6, 1871, to Ann Eliza DeCamp, born Dec. 25, 1854, in France, the daughter of John and Mary (Warren) DeCamp. They lived in Union, Broome County, N.Y. Benjamin went west in the late 1870s, and in the 1880 census was in Lead City, Lawrence County, Dakota Territory, where he was a carpenter-contractor in the gold mines. His wife and children apparently joined him there the following year, and she died June 10, 1882, at Lead City, a week after giving birth to a daughter and after losing three of her six children in less than four years. Benjamin returned to New York and was married there at Preston on Dec. 7, 1892, to Elizabeth L. Mills, born Dec. 1844, parentage unknown. She died Jan. 3, 1915, and was buried at Pharsalia, N.Y. Benjamin went to live with his daughter Emma Jane at Phillips, Wisconsin, and died there in 1924.

CHILDREN

All by Ann

BENJAMIN MARION, born March 13, 1873; married Cora Ellen Kelsey.

EMMA JANE, born Jan. 18, 1875; married (1) Joseph Martin, and (2) John Wilmot.

JULIA BURHANS, born Sept. 22, 1876; married Frank Blank.

DELLA, born July 17, 1878; died March 24, 1879.

DORA (twin), born July 17, 1878; died Nov. 10, 1878.

ANN ELIZABETH, born March 15, 1880; died Feb. 28, 1881.

ANN ELIZABETH, born June 3, 1882; married (1) Benjamin F. LaValley, and (2) _____ McMasters.



Benjamin F. Rathbun
(1848-1924)



Eliza Rathbun, first wife of Benjamin F. Rathbun, copied from a tintype taken about 1878. She is apparently holding one of her dead babies. Two of them died that year.

173. DANIEL SQUIRE⁷ RATHBUN (Squire⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born March 24, 1842, at Oxford, N.Y. He was married on March 1, 1863, to Helen M. Ingersoll, born Nov. 12, 1845, daughter of Luther and Hannah (Fairchilds) Ingersoll. He enlisted the following year in the 27th N.Y. Cavalry, described as five feet seven inches tall, with blue eyes, light complexion and black hair. He served for nine months in the closing year of the Civil War, and then on May 2, 1865, he was pulled off his horse and dragged 150 feet before he could be rescued. Severely injured, he was discharged and returned home to his wife. They settled in New Berlin, where in 1870, he was excise commissioner. They later moved to Pharsalia and then to Norwich, N.Y., where Daniel died Sept. 8, 1919, and Helen died Feb. 26, 1935.

CHILD

MINNIE SOPHIA, born March 15, 1865; married George C. Cushman.

174. CHARLES H.⁷ RATHBUN (Eason⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born in September 1858, at McDonough, N.Y. He was married in 1887 to Marion Kingsley, born in August 1865, parentage unknown. They moved to Buffalo, N.Y., where Charles died Oct. 13, 1923, and Marion died sometime later.

CHILDREN

JENNIE K., born in Sept. 1889; married George Podney on July 7, 1913.

FREDERICK G., born in March 1892; alive in 1923; no known marriage.

CHARLES E., born in September 1896; married Violet Rightenberg.

175. ALTON A.⁷ RATHBUN (Alva⁶ Jonathan⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Feb. 28, 1858, at Oxford, N.Y. Alton had a checkered career and little is known of him. He was married about 1879 to Ella or Eleanor Thompson, but the marriage apparently ended in

divorce. He reportedly had an illegitimate son by a woman named Horton. Then, by 1900 he was married to Nora Nichols. He died May 28, 1909, at Oxford of stomach cancer. Nothing more is known of his wives.

CHILDREN

By Ella

FLOYD B., born Jan. 25, 1886; married Ella Mae Heburn. (Descendants say Floyd was placed in an orphanage as a baby, possibly after the divorce, and went blind, but recovered his sight when his mother took him to live with her.)

HENRY LUCIUS, born in August 1889; living with his grandmother Ella Thompson in 1900; no further data.

176. HARVEY JAMES⁷ RATHBUN (Moses⁶ Jonathan⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1868 in Oxford N.Y. He was married Nov. 20, 1889, to Mary L. Burton, born about 1869, daughter of Dolphus and E.E. (Holcombe) Burton. She died a year or two after their marriage, and he was married again on March 1, 1892, to Flora E. Smith, born June 29, 1862, daughter of Charles and Catherine (Davis) Smith. They lived at Oxford where he died sometime after 1910 and before April 22, 1931, when Flora died as a widow.

CHILDREN

By Mary

CLAUDE A., born in March 1890; married Mabel Marvin.

LINN, born March 20, 1891; married Bertha _____. He died August 5, 1974, at Waverly, Pa., No children.

By Flora

MARY J., born in April 1893; married _____ Ingraham.

EDNA M., born in August 1895; married _____ Coe.

AGNES, born about 1902; was living, unmarried, in 1974.

177. DAVID⁷ RATHBUN (Joseph⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1815 in Belpre, Ohio. He moved to

Livingston County, Kentucky, where he was married on April 5, 1844, to Sarah Bond, born about 1824, daughter of Lott Bond. Livingston County Tax lists show him in 1847 with 150 acres "in Swington on the Tennessee River," valued at \$450. He operated a brick kiln for several years, and died about 1847. Sarah may have died about the same time, for the 1850 census lists their son Joseph living with Bond relatives.

CHILD

JOSEPH, born about 1845; married Nancy J. Snider

178. AARON NICHOLAS or NICHOLS⁷ RATHBUN (Joseph⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born May 9, 1818, in Belpre, Ohio. He was married Sept. 1, 1847, to Martha Ann (Stephens) Frost, born Aug. 27, 1823, parentage unknown, the widow of (Ira?) Frost. He joined his brother David for a short time in Kentucky, then moved to Liberty, Madison County, Missouri, where Martha died Nov. 18, 1864. Aaron was married again on June 26, 1866, to Sarah (Burcham) Travis, born May 16, 1820, parentage unknown, the widow of L.L. Travis. Sarah died some time in the 1870s, and Aaron moved in the 1880s to Texarkana, Texas, where he died April 30, 1891.

CHILDREN

All by Martha

IRA FROST, born June 8, 1848; died June 18, 1864.

JOSEPH, born August 22, 1850; married Mary E. Griffith.

HARVEY, born Sept. 9, 1852; married (1) Mary Stagner, and (2) Rebecca _____.

WILLIAM THOMAS, born Sept. 27, 1854; married Drucilla Larkin.

GIDEON LAWTON, born March 9, 1857; married Malinda Stagner.

DAVID ALEXANDRIA, born March 12, 1858; died Dec. 12, 1860.

ROBERT FRANKLIN, born May 23, 1862; died in 1864.

179. PERRY⁷ RATHBUN (Edmund⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1820 in Missouri, and married there about 1846 to Mary Jane _____, born about 1826, parentage unknown. They lived in Cooper County, Mo., where he died in July 1849. Mary Jane was married again on Jan. 7, 1858, to Joseph Phink. She may have had an illegitimate son named Edmund born about 1855, for an Edmund Rathbun age 5 was living in the Phink household in 1860. Nothing more is known of Mary Jane or of this young Edmund.

CHILD

ROXANNA, born about 1849; married Robert Scott Aug. 31, 1869. She was living with her grandfather Edmund Rathbun in 1850 and with her aunt Electa Brown in 1860. There is no proof that she was the daughter of Perry and Mary Jane, but it seems most likely.

180. SAMUEL T.⁷ RATHBUN (Edmund⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born about 1823 in Missouri and married there Aug. 24, 1851, in Pettis County, to Martha A. Hinch, born about 1825, parentage unknown, and the widow of _____ Hinch. They moved soon after their marriage to Oxford, Johnson County, Kansas, where he died in February 1870, of consumption. Martha was living in 1880, but her death date is not known.

CHILD

PERRY Z., born in July 1852, died May 12, 1929, in Los Angeles, California. No known marriage.

181. ASA⁷ RATHBUN (John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born June 14, 1828, at Belpre, Ohio. He was married March 15, 1855, at Peoria, Illinois, to Caroline A. Wright, born March 1, 1837, parentage unknown. They moved in 1857 to Homer, Dakota County, Nebraska, where he was justice of the peace and postmaster, and later served as township commissioner

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and treasurer. Caroline died Feb. 3, 1900, and he moved a short time later to LaCrosse, Washington, where he was in the insurance and real estate business. He died sometime after 1905.

CHILDREN

WILLIAM PITT, born April 28, 1857; married Emma L. Warner or Wainer.

ANNA C., born Feb. 22, 1859; married Thomas Baird.

MARY E., born May 11, 1861; no further data.

FRANCES O., born Feb. 25, 1863; she was living, single, in 1920 at LaCrosse.

JOHN ALBERT, born Nov. 25, 1865; married (1) Ethel Emma Dewey and (2) Edna C. Rymill.

EDITH IRENE, born Aug. 12, 1870; married (?) Jack Schobe.

CHARLES W., born Sept. 15, 1878; married Edyth Hubbard.

182. FRANCIS MARION⁷ RATHBUN (John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born March 22, 1835, at Belpre, Ohio. He served in the Illinois infantry during the Civil War, and then was married March 20, 1868, in McLean County, Illinois, to Harriet Jeanette Hay, born Dec. 11, 1840, daughter of Duffield and Sarah Ann Hay. They lived near Chenoa in McLean County, where he managed the Churchill and Sons grain business for many years. Harriet died July 19, 1901, and Francis died Sept. 1, 1918.

CHILDREN

FLORA MAE, born Oct. 8, 1868; married Irvin Keesler.

ANNA CORA, born Dec. 10 1869; married Frances Schopp on April 4, 1894.

CHARLES PEARL, born June 23, 1871; married Myette Bandy.

JOHN DUFFIELD, born Dec. 9, 1872; married Gertrude ____.

CLARA LUELLA, born Oct. 30, 1874; married Henry Brauer Nov. 4, 1891.

ROSS LEROY, born April 8, 1876; married Louise Kerker.

JAMES HENRY, born April 9, 1878; married Bertha Oyer.

FRANCES LENORA, born April 5, 1880; married Edward Kerker.

183. ALPHEUS LEVI⁷ RATHBUN (John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born in November 1838, in Belpre, Ohio. He was married Oct. 20, 1857, to Rachel E. Hatfield, born in May 1840, parentage unknown. They lived in Marshall County, Illinois, for a few years, then moved to Taylor, Polk County, Iowa, by 1880 and to Corning, Rooks County, Kansas, by 1900. Rachel died there some time after 1910, and Alpheus died in November 1924.

CHILDREN

EDWARD FRANCIS, born July 24, 1858; married Sophronia Gibson Adamson.

WESLEY, born in January 1860; died young.

ROLLA, born in September 1861; he apparently was mentally retarded and in 1900 was in the Iowa Institute for Feeble Minded Children. His death date is not known.

CHARLES HENRY, born in April 1863; married Mary E. Leathers.

EUGENE, born Oct. 6, 1855; married Maude Geisner.

CHARLOTTE, born in 1869; married David S. Clayton Sept. 1, 1886.

JAMES WALTER, born in October 1878; married Minerva Ann Newell.

184. WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON⁷ RATHBUN (John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Dec. 28, 1840, at Belpre, Ohio. He was married Dec. 8, 1863, in Marshall County, Illinois, to Mary Eliza Kellar, born May 12, 1841, daughter of Thomas and Cora (Minor) Kellar. They moved in 1883 to Strang, in Fillmore County, Nebraska. He was a farmer and for a number of years he and a neighbor operated a threshing machine for other farmers at harvest time. In later years, he retired from farming and became a shoemaker. He was also a justice of the peace for

eight years. He died May 4, 1921, at Strang, and Mary died April 2, 1925.

CHILDREN

FRANCIS MARION, born April 17, 1864; died Nov. 9, 1936, at Strang, unmarried.

JOHN THOMAS, born July 20, 1865; married Cora Johnson.

OWEN SIMEON, born July 6, 1867; died Oct. 29, 1896, at Strang of typhoid fever.

MAY JANE, born March 23, 1869; married Otis J. Miller Oct. 14, 1891.

FRED, born Feb. 12, 1871; married Annie Schopp.

LEWIS, born June 23, 1873; married Stella Murray.

WILLIAM H.H. JR., born Oct. 6, 1877; married Ida Sommerhalder.

PAUL C., born Aug. 17, 1881; married Orpha Johnson (or Rasmussen); he moved as a young man to Montana and later to California where he died in October 1936. He had no children.

SARAH GRACE, born Dec. 8, 1885; married Henry F. Ortman Feb. 6, 1907.

185. SIMEON⁷ (Possibly Joseph Simeon) RATHBUN (Ebenezer⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Dec. 16, 1823. He moved to Illinois with his parents and was married about 1857 to Mary Ann Collins, born April 7, 1841, parentage unknown. They lived in Illinois for a number of years, first in Burns County, then in Henry County, and moved by 1900 to Nance County, Nebraska. Mary Ann died Feb. 13, 1897, and Simeon died Aug. 9, 1909.

CHILDREN

LEANDER MICHELL, born April 15, 1858; married (1) Etta Patton, and (2) Sarah Gurthis.

JEFERSON DOUGLAS, born March 23, 1860; married Segia Miriam Patton.

WILLIAM EDMUND, born April 15, 1864; married Ida Bell Beeson.

HOWARD, born about 1867; alive in 1880, no further data.

MARY ANN, born about 1869; married Henry Wilson.

ELLA, born about 1871; married William Everett on July 4, 1888.

DELL, born about 1877; no further data.

186. JOHN H.⁷ RATHBUN (Ebenezer⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Oct. 4, 1826, in Belpre, Ohio. He moved to Peoria, Illinois, with his parents, and was married by 1860 to Caroline C. Adams, born about 1838, parentage unknown. They moved to Polk County, Nebraska, where he died sometime before 1874, when Caroline was married to Theodore Beebe. Nothing more is known of her.

CHILDREN

?MARY N., born about 1860; married William H. Jones Feb. 3, 1877.

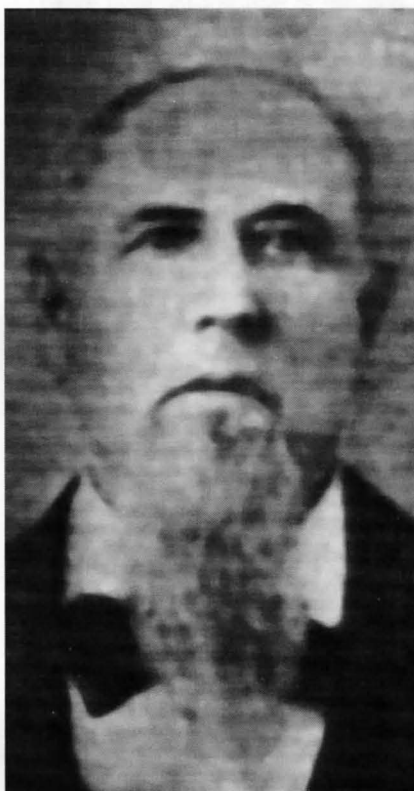
JOHN Q., born in Nov. 1861; married (1) Anne Mickey, and (2) Florence (?Meadows).

SARAH H., born about 1862; married William J. Stokes Dec. 9, 1882.

CORA, born about 1864; married William C. Jay on June 18, 1881.

CHARLES A., born Nov. 26, 1867; married Jennie Anderson.

187. JAMES⁷ RATHBUN (Ebenezer⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Dec. 28, 1830, at Belpre, Ohio, and moved with his parents to Illinois. He was married Feb. 25, 1858, in Henry County, to Mary Ann Wolfe, born June 24, 1836, daughter of Peter and Jane (Biggs) Wolfe. They left Henry County in August 1881, driving a herd of cattle, and settled near Odell in Gage County, Nebraska, where he purchased a farm of 165 acres. He added more land over the years, and eventually had 1320 acres. He sold farms of 240 acres to each of his five sons. Mary Ann died Dec. 10, 1897, and he made his home in later years with his daughter Alice. He died at her home in Odell on July 24, 1919.



James Rathbun
(1830-1919)

CHILDREN

FRANCIS MARION, born Jan. 7, 1859; married Margaret Ann Yeats.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, born Feb. 21, 1860; married Dollie Wolfe.

CHARLES, born March 23, 1862; married Elizabeth Yeats.

LEWIS, born June 8, 1864 (or 1861?); married Annie Heble.

JOHN L., born Oct. 4, 1866; married Paulina Ellis.

SARAH JANE, born Aug. 24, 1869; died Sept. 4, 1869.

ALICE, born Jan. 8, 1872; married Andrew Layton Aug. 27, 1893.

CARRIE H., born June 26, 1873; married Isaac Hagerman.

ELIZABETH, born July 30, 1877; married Charles Mort Feb. 8, 1893.

CHILD, unnamed; born about 1879; died in infancy.

JAMES, born May 3, 1881; died September 14, 1881.

188. GIDEON⁷ RATHBUN (Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Jan. 6, 1833, in Washington County, Ohio. He was married Dec. 7, 1854, in Jay County, Indiana, to Mary B. Garringer, born March 6, 1833, daughter of David and Tamar (Adams) Garringer. He served as second lieutenant during the Civil War in the 100th Indiana Infantry. They left Indiana in the 1860s and settled in Kansas, living first in Cherokee County and then in Rice County. He was a blacksmith. They moved to Denver, Colo., about 1896, and in the early 1900s moved to California. Mary died Feb. 11, 1905, and Gideon died June 22, 1916, in Los Angeles.

CHILDREN

MARTHA JANE, born March 3, 1856; married Andrew Hope.

ELIZA ELLEN, born June 22, 1857; married Cornelius Van Nest.

MARY ISABEL, born April 5, 1859; married Albert Van Nest Dec. 24, 1881.

DAVID EDMUND, born April 11, 1861; married Jessie D. Shephard.

GIDEON MORTON, born May 5, 1863; died Nov. 11, 1868.

SARAH ELIZABETH, born Dec. 17, 1865; died April 5, 1871.

RUTH ANNA, born Jan. 6, 1868; married Henry J. Van Nest.

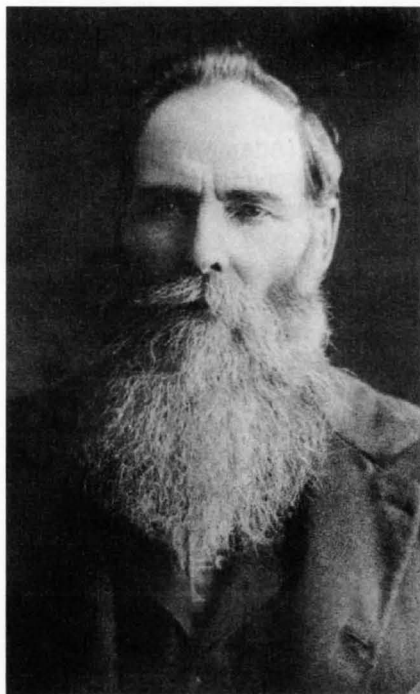
EMMA KATHERINE, born Nov. 14, 1870; married Herbert S. Holton Oct. 1, 1891.

CORA MAY, born Feb. 2, 1875; married Malcolm Mackintosh Sept. 6, 1897.

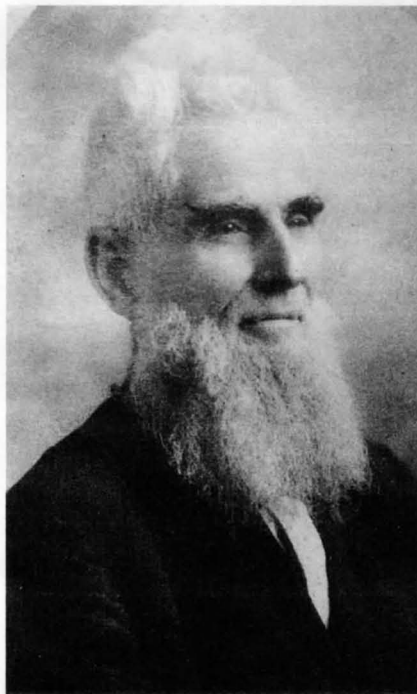
189. DANIEL DYE⁷ RATHBUN (Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Sept. 1, 1834, in Washington County, Ohio. He was married Feb. 4, 1860, in Portland, Jay County, Indiana, to Catherine Lanning, born in Dec. 1837, parentage unknown. They moved by 1880 to Hendricks Township, Chataqua County, Kansas, where Catherine died in 1908 and Daniel died June 12, 1926, aged 92.

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*Daniel Dye Rathbun
(1834-1926)*



*George Marshall Rathbun
(1836-1923)*

CHILDREN

ISAAC VAN BUREN, born Jan. 25, 1861; married Ella Hayes.

RUFUS EDMUND, born May 4, 1862; married Emma Eldridge.

MARY WILHELMINA, born Jan. 26, 1864; married her cousin, Amos⁷ Rathbun (John⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

ABIA ALBUN, born Aug. 27, 1865; married (1) Alice Stevens, and (2) Orlena Henderson.

FLETIA (FLEETY), born August 12, 1874; married John Thomas Dilliner on May 5, 1890.

190. GEORGE MARSHALL⁷ RATHBUN (Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born May 23, 1836, in Washington County, Ohio. He was married on July 6, 1859, in Jay County, Indiana, to Tamar Ann Garringer, born May 3, 1838, daughter of David and Tamar (Adams) Garringer. He served in the 19th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War, and was poisoned by a southern

woman who put poison in the soldiers' drinking water. He was unconscious for several days. After the war he moved to Grant City, Worth County, Mo., where he was the town's first carpenter. In 1871, they moved to Chatauqua County, Kansas, where he was a farmer and later a Baptist minister. Tamar died there Nov. 18, 1905, and George died Dec. 9, 1923.

CHILDREN

ROSETTA ALPHENE, born Aug. 4, 1860; married Nathaniel W. Wall Nov. 15, 1884.

MARSHALL RILEY, born Nov. 15, 1861; married Mary Elizabeth Kline.

MARY TAMAR, born Jan. 1, 1864; married Denton Blankenship on Feb. 9, 1879.

IDA JANE, born Nov. 14, 1865; married Henry W. Wall Dec. 12, 1883.

EMMA REBECCA, born Nov. 14, 1867; married James Marion Taylor on April 17, 1893.

LEWIS EDMUND, born Oct. 7, 1869; married Ollie Rogers.

DAVID ERNEST, born July 16, 1871; married Lillie Foster.

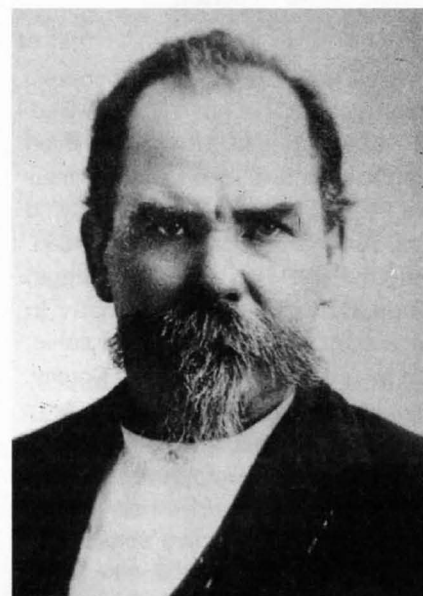
GEORGE DANIEL, born Dec. 22, 1873; married Zetta Grace Hester.

MARTHA ALICE, born June 19, 1876; married William S. Millison on June 19, 1906.

GIDEON ALBERT, born Aug. 1, 1878; married Minnie Cunningham.

JESSE ADAMS, born Aug. 17, 1880; married Tishie A. Freeman.

191. ISAAC RILEY⁷ RATHBUN (Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born Feb. 2, 1842, in Jay County, Indiana. He served in the 19th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War, and was described as five feet five inches tall, with gray eyes, light hair and light complexion. He was wounded in the leg at the Battle of Antietam. After the war, he was married on Aug. 6, 1865, to Sarah Ann Dye, born April 24, 1845, daughter of Daniel and Margaret Dye. They moved with his brother George to Worth County, Missouri about 1869, where he was a barber, and then about 1872 to Chatauqua County, Kansas, where he was a farmer and part-time barber. Oil was discovered on his farm a few years later, and he became quite wealthy. Sarah died Dec. 4, 1892, and in 1909 Isaac was married to her sister, Margaret (Dye)



*Isaac Riley Rathbun
(1842-1924)*

Moon. Isaac died Nov. 22, 1924, at Sedan, Kansas, and Margaret died Oct. 23, 1930.

CHILDREN

CHARLOTTE ANN, born Jan. 30, 1868; died Feb. 17, 1871.

MARGARET CECILIA, born May 10, 1870; married Allen J. Yeoman on Dec. 23, 1889.

MINNIE DELL, born Sept. 3, 1873; married Robert A. Yeoman Jan. 18, 1894.

SADIE, born Nov. 13, 1885; married Arthur Mastin on Jan. 9, 1903.

192. GARDINER⁷ RATHBUN (Daniel⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born March 14, 1833, in Athens County, Ohio. He was married on May 31, 1855, to Sarah Jane Carpenter, born about 1837, parentage unknown. They moved to Homer, Morgan County, Ohio, where he enlisted in June 1863 in the First Ohio Heavy Artillery Regiment. He died Oct. 10, 1863, at Lexington, Ky. Sarah Jane was married on Nov. 10, 1867, to Isaac Blauvelt in Morgan County, and nothing more is known of her.

CHILDREN

CAROLINE, born about 1858; no further data.

?ALPHEUS J., born in May 1862; married Laura Randolph.

193. ALFRED R.⁷ RATHBUN (Daniel⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), born April 14, 1841, in Athens County, Ohio. He served in the 109th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War, and was married May 14, 1864, in Randolph County, Indiana, to Sarah Elizabeth Allen, born April 12, 1840, daughter of Trowbridge and Charlotte Sophia (Scriver) Allen. They lived in Jay County, Indiana, where he died Jan. 12, 1873. She was married on Aug. 2, 1873, to William P. Lewis, who died four years later on Nov. 12, 1877. She was then married on Dec. 24, 1884, to William Darst, who died two

years later. At the age of 44, she had lost three husbands. She died Aug. 25, 1910, at Redkey, Indiana.

CHILDREN

ULYSSES GRANT, born April 14, 1865; married Eleanor S. Lindley.

LIDA BELL, born Sept. 3, 1866 (?); died Nov. 8, 1874.

ALLEN CLARK, born May 7, 1867; died April 1, 1959, unmarried.

OZRO GUAY, born in Feb. 1870; married Pearl Engle.

ALFRED LEWIS, born May 4, 1873; he became a school teacher in Farmer City, Illinois, and in 1894 at the end of the winter school term, went to Paris, Illinois, to work with his brother Allen selling children's encyclopedias. He suffered an attack of appendicitis on Feb. 12, 1894, and died a few hours later, aged 21, of a ruptured appendix.

WE THANK the following members who have sent us clippings, family updates, pictures and other material: Beverly Gillette, Dorothy Danks, Sharon Jahn, Fred and Shirley Rathbun, Paul Rathbun, Frank E. Rathbun, Robert B. Rathbun, Marjorie Henninge, Paul Limbek, Clair C. Cornell, Gwen Koenig, Princess Frush, Carol-Jeanne Rathbun, Lauren Landis, Katherine Hoxie, Evelyn Anderson, Barbara Bulmer, Donna Barhyte, Gerald Reser, Kathy Phillips, Helene Rathbun, Helen M. Rathbun, Dr. Lewis and Elizabeth Rathbun, Bill Hosking, Jean Lois Kartman, Mary Ann Cummins, Susie Carter Baston, Roger H. Rathbun, Clarice M. Fleharty, Gwen Cathey, Beth Kiteley, Patti Garrett, Dr. Donald Rathbun, Isaac B. Rathbun, Allen and Carol Rathbun, Meryl Zimmerman, Daniel B. Rathbun, Glenn E. Rathbun, George and June Rathbun, Chester W. Rathbun, Timothy Rathbun, Howard M. Rathbun, Gail Snider, Donna Gallimore, Haybron Adams, Edward Kipp, Robert and Juanita Rathbun, Howard and Hooter Colburn, John Rathbone, David E. Rathbun, Mary Pearl Whitman, Douglas Miller, Mildred Rathburn, Marlene Wilkinson, Eleanor Eckart.

Reunions

The descendants of Richard Milo Rathbun (1864-1939) held a mini family reunion last June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beaushaw in Hutchinson, Kansas. Among those present was Fern Thompson, a member of our Association. Richard Milo Rathbun was the son of William⁷ Rathbun (Daniel⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

The Spring Valley, Minnesota, Rathbuns held their annual reunion September 24, 1994, at Spring Valley. The 56 persons attending were descended from four sons of Gamaliel⁶ Rathbun (Walter⁵ Thomas⁴⁻³⁻² John¹). Marlin Rathbun was elected president for the next two years; Irma Rathbun was elected secretary-treasurer, and Sharon Jahn was chosen as historian. Marlin and Sharon are members of our Association.

A new book listing all known early gravestones in Exeter, R.I., has been published by Cemetery Books, 10 Signal Ridge Way, East Greenwich, R.I. 02818. It includes 2,100 grave-stone inscriptions in 154 cemeteries, including four Rathbun cemeteries. The 215-page book sells for \$21.95. Also available are similar books on North Kingstown (\$17.95) and East Greenwich (\$19.95). If interested, add \$2.95 for shipping charges for one book, and \$1 each for additional book.

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People

PEARL AND LESTER MEISNER celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 2, 1994. Lester is 91 years old and Pearl is 88. She is the daughter of Charles⁸ Rathbun (Byron⁷ James⁶ Thomas⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). Their daughter Barbara Bulmer is a member of our Association, and reports that her mother reads her copies of our Historian "from cover to cover and always enjoys them."

NELLIE (RATHBUN) HOOCHKIRK became a great-great-grandmother on Nov. 17, 1994, with the birth of Alex Ezra Husted, the son of James and Heather (Eden) Husted. Heather is the daughter of Lee (McKenzie) Eden, and granddaughter of Faith (Hooghkirk) McKenzie, Nellie's daughter. Nellie, 94, a member of our Association, is the daughter of Rowland Robinson⁸ Rathbun (Rowland⁷ Joshua⁶ Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹).

LYDIA (RATHBUN) LITTLEFIELD reports that she and her husband Donald had two grandchildren last year. Mark Littlefield Gasner was born May 17 to their daughter, Pamela, and Kelsey Winslow Bourne was born Nov. 8 to their daughter Laura. Lydia and Don have retired and now make their permanent home on Block Island. Lydia is the daughter of Charles⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ William⁷ Joshua⁶ Elias⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

PAULA LYNN RATHBUN was awarded a "One in a Million" certificate last fall, when she completed hiking the famous Wonderland Trail around Mount Rainier, Washington. Her trip covered more than 100 miles of rugged country, including the crossing of 13 raging rivers and two swinging bridges. She climbed and descended more than 27,000 feet, passing beneath and beside two major glaciers. Paula, 43, is the daughter of our member Isaac B.⁹ Rathbun (Ernest⁸ Segester⁷ Isaac⁶ Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

New Members

Martha S. Finrock
Zephyr Hills, Florida

Brenda Rathbun
Ketchikan, Alaska

John P. Rathbun
South Pasadena, California

Lee Adrian Rathbun
U.S. Army

Meri Rathbun
Pasadena, California

Bruce and Dorothy Gregory
Bellflower, California

Cheryl June Rathbun
New York City, N.Y.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Rathbun
Spring Valley, Minnesota

Lyle A. Rathbun
Kennwick, Washington

Wendy Katherin White
Bethesda, Maryland

DR. LYNN AND BONNIE RATHBUN have announced the adoption of Natalie Elana Marie Rathbun, who was born Jan. 16, 1994, in Paraguay. Dr. Rathbun, of Ithica, N.Y., is the son of Chester⁹ Rathbun (Howard⁸ Valentine⁷ Horace⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

GERALD RESER reports the birth of two great-grandchildren last year. Steven Cady Hansen was born March 31 to Susan and Brad Hansen, and Emily Catherine Bresette was born July 8 to Stefanie and Chris Bresette. Gerald is the son of Ruby Fern (Rathbun) Reser, whose obituary appears in this Historian.

DANIEL R. BEST and Jennifer S. Woodson were married August 14, 1994, in Denver, Colo. He is the son of our members Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Best, and grandson of our member Beverly B. Stone, a granddaughter of George T. Brown and Adeline⁷ Rathbone (Thomas⁶ Jonathan⁵ Coggeshall⁴ Abraham³ Samuel² John¹).

SUZANNE M. RATHBUN graduated cum laude last year from Dartmouth College, N.H. She received a law degree in 1993 at the University of Connecticut, and is now with a Vernon, Conn., law firm. Suzanne is the daughter of our members June and George¹⁰ Rathbun (Rollin⁹ Albert⁸ Calvin⁶ Samuel⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹).

FRANK E. LAWRENCE celebrated his 101st birth on Jan. 3, 1995. His wife Laura died August 11, 1994, aged 88. Frank, who is the Honorary Historian of Tallmadge, Ohio, is the grandson of Levi Howard Lawrence and Alta Almira⁶ Rathbun (Solomon⁵ Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He has lived in Tallmadge for 96 years.

ALYCE GAIL RATHBURN of Athol, Mass., has been granted a patent for her invention of a portable bathing tub for invalids. Alyce, a member of our Association, is the widow of Clarence⁹ Rathburn (Henry⁸ Valentine⁷ John⁶ Tibbetts⁵ John⁴⁻³ Thomas² John¹).

MARK RATHBUN and Mary Bertsch were married Sept. 17, 1994, in Orlando, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles¹¹ Rathbun (Paul¹⁰ Charles⁹ George⁸ Joseph⁷ Charles⁶ Amos⁵ John⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), of Woburn, Mass.

MERI WALSH RATHBUN and Robert McMurray were married Nov. 4, 1994, in Pasadena, Calif. She is the daughter of our member John W.¹⁰ Rathbun (Wilbert⁹ George⁸ Elias⁷ Henry⁶ Gideon⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), of Alhambra, Calif.

RANDY RATHBUN, U.S. Attorney for the Kansas District, has been named to a commission of 13 attorneys to advise Attorney General Janet Reno. He is the son of Ronald¹¹ Rathbun (Cleo¹⁰ Melancthon⁹ George⁸ Rowland⁷ Acors⁶ Joshua⁵⁻³ John²⁻¹).