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**FAMILY
HISTORIAN**



Henry Howe Rathbun
(1891-1948)

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Name.

Letter from the Editor

This "Fall" edition of our Historian is coming a bit late due to a busy summer and autumn here in Fairfax, Virginia. It is our second and last issue of the year, and with it comes the annual reminder that "dues are due!"

We are keeping the annual dues at \$12, and again I am asking that members please renew promptly to save us a lot of bookkeeping.

In this issue, we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, with special stories on two of our members—both courageous and outstanding men—who were seriously injured in combat.

In one of our Historians next year, I plan to do a story on the Civil War, and the roles played in it by some of our early cousins and ancestors. I have a number of pictures of our relatives, in uniform, from the war, and once again I urge any members who have such pictures to please let me know. I know there are several who have such pictures, and if they are to appear in our Historian, I need them soon!

As our readers know from past Historians, our family has had many connections with President Abraham Lincoln. We now have another. There was much publicity earlier this year about attempts to exhume the body of John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin,

who is supposedly buried in Baltimore, Maryland.

Over the years, there have been many reports that the body is not that of Booth, and that he escaped after the assassination, and lived for many more years.

To prove—or disprove—these stories, a number of Booth relatives petitioned this year to have the body exhumed and the remains examined by experts to see whether it was indeed that of Booth.

Among the leaders in the effort was Lois (Fellows) Rathbun, who is a great-great-granddaughter of Booth's brother, Edwin Booth. Lois is the wife of our member Herbert Warren¹⁰ Rathbun (Herbert⁹⁻⁸ Warren⁷ Calvin⁶ Samuel⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹). A Maryland judge turned down the request, primarily because after so many years, it would be impossible to definitely identify the body.

How would you like to own the farm where our immigrant ancestors lived three centuries ago? You can do it if you can come up with \$9.5 million. That is the price set on Hammersmith Farm, at Newport, Rhode Island, which is up for sale.

On the 50-acre farm is a 28-room "cottage" built a century ago by the ancestors of the late Jacqueline (Bouvier) Onassis, widow of President John F. Kennedy. When she died last year, the estate was willed to relatives who have now put it on the market.

Originally owned by William Brenton, the farm was home for a number of years in the 1670s to John and Margaret Rathbun and their eight children.

Descendants of Benjamin⁴ Rathbun (Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹) can claim descent from a passenger on the Mayflower, through his wife Huldah. She was the daughter of Philip and Hannah (Crocker) Williams, and granddaughter of Isaac and Ann (Smith) Crocker. Isaac was the son of Jonathan and Hannah (Howland) Crocker and grandson of John

Howland, born in 1627, whose father John Howland Sr. (1599-1672) came to America on the Mayflower in 1620.

There is a street named Rathbun Willard Drive in Attleboro, Mass. It was named for a Rathbun Willard who founded a metal company there many years ago. The company was the forerunner of today's giant corporation, Texas Instruments. Mr. Willard possibly received his first name from his mother, who may have been a Rathbun. We cannot place him. Can anyone help?

In closing, you might like to know that our long-standing request for a stamp honoring Captain John Peck Rathbun has again been ignored by the U.S. Postal Service. Stamps were issued this year in honor of Milton Hershey, Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, the Republic of Palau, antique automobiles, garden flowers and such American heroes as Dick Tracy, Little Orphan Annie, Li'l Abner and Prince Valiant.

Best wishes to you all for a happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful Christmas season and a prosperous 1996.

Frank

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Fifty-Year Anniversary of World War II's End

This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the end of World War II, the most deadly and destructive war in history. It has been estimated that as many as 75,000,000 human beings died during the war, including tens of millions of innocent civilians—men, women and children—who died in bombing attacks on cities.

The war officially began in 1939, when England and France declared war on Germany. The United States entered the war in December 1941, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

More than 16,000,000 American men and women served in the Armed Forces from 1941 to 1945. Nearly 300,000 of them died, and nearly 680,000 more were injured.

It seems fitting that we should recognize this significant anniversary. Many Rathbuns, Rathbones and Rathburns, and cousins with other surnames, served during those crucial four years in the American Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and the various women's branches.

It would be virtually impossible to gather all their names, so we can only mention a few. On the following pages are the detailed stories of two—both members of our Association—who paid a high price for their patriotism.

Here are also the stories of several others:

Robert Cady Rathbun was born Dec. 25, 1918, in Canton, Mass. He was the son of Leslie⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ Elliott⁷ Benjamin⁶ Joseph⁵ Samuel⁴ Jonathan³ William² John¹).

He enlisted in the Marine Corps shortly after the United States entered the war, and after recruit training was assigned to the First Marine Division. On August 7, 1942, the Division stormed ashore on the Japanese-held island of Guadalcanal, in the Solomon

Islands of the South Pacific. It was the first American offensive land action in the war.

The primary goal was the capture of a new Japanese airfield on the island, and within days the field was in American hands. It was named Henderson Field in honor of a Marine pilot who had died at the Battle of Midway.

Control of the airfield meant control of the skies over the area, and the Japanese made several attempts to retake it. On September 12, they launched a massive, all-out attack. Standing in their way was Colonel Merritt Edson's 5th Marine Regiment—and Private Robert Cady Rathbun.

The result was three days of vicious, close-combat fighting, which came to be known as the Battle of Bloody Ridge. The Japanese were finally driven back, and Henderson Field remained in American hands for the rest of the war.

But the cost had been high. Nearly 70 Marines were killed, among them Robert Cady Rathbun, who died September 13, the second day of the battle. Another 194 were wounded.

(Your editor was with the Second Marine Division, which took over from the First Division in January 1943. I remember seeing Robert Rathbun's grave marker in the Guadalcanal Cemetery).

Robert Rathbun's brother, Leslie Garfield Rathbun, now 80, joined the Merchant Marine the day after Pearl Harbor. He served throughout the war, and made a number of trips across the North Atlantic, dodging German submarines, to deliver war materials to Russia. His service won him a medal from the Russian government.

George D. Rathbun (1904-1967) joined the Coast Guard in 1937 and served during the war. He was the son of James⁷ Rathbun (Royal⁶ Rodney⁵ Simon⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹).

A machinist's mate first class on a troop transport, he too was at Guadalcanal, assigned to the task of landing the First Division Marines on the island. He may well have been on one of the landing boats that took Robert Rathbun ashore. George later recalled that he made seven trips carrying marines to the beach from the transport. It was on Rathbun's ship that the famed war correspondent Richard Tregaskis went to Guadalcanal. After the battle was over, he wrote his famous "Guadalcanal Diary."

Rathbun went on to spend another 15 months in the South Pacific, and won battle stars for Guadalcanal, Coral Sea, Tulagi and Cape Esperance. He retired from the Coast Guard in 1953.

Ned Rathbone Hickel was born in Louisiana on August 21, 1914, the son of Albert E. Hickel and Jeannette⁸ Rathbone (John⁷⁻⁶ William⁵ Wait⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

He studied law and was working for the Standard Oil Company when the war began. He was drafted as a private and served six years in the infantry. He became a commissioned officer and rose to the rank of major by the end of the war.

Hickel was severely wounded at the Battle of the Bulge, where he won the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's badge.

He was married while hospitalized in 1945 to Geraldine Leeherm. They have four children. He and his daughter, Cherie Pinkerton are members of our Association.

Ned retired in 1978 after 41 years with the Exxon Corporation.

There were no doubt many more of our cousins killed during World War II, but we have records of only two others—PFC Edward Rathbun of Fulton County, N.Y. and Staff Sergeant Earl W. Rathbun of Jefferson County, N.Y.

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Horace Still Survived Sinking of U.S.S. Vincennes in 1942

Horace Still was born March 13, 1921, in Beatrice, Nebraska, the son of Thomas Still and Fanny Rose⁸ Rathbun (Edward⁷ Job⁶⁻⁵ William⁴ Job³ Joseph² John¹).

He was graduated from high school in 1938, when the United States was still in the grip of the Great Depression. Jobs were almost non-existent, and on September 8 he enlisted in the United States Navy. After "boot camp" training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he was assigned to the heavy cruiser Vincennes, where he would spend his entire Navy career.

The ship was sent from California to the East Coast in 1941, as the Second World War was raging in Europe. The Vincennes was sent on highly secretive missions to bring gold to the United States to keep it from falling into the hands of the Germans or Italians.

They brought back one load from Casablanca and another from South Africa. The gold was stored at Fort Knox.

While stationed in Massachusetts, Horace met Frances Mason, and they were married August 15, 1941.

Early in 1942, after the United States entered the war, the Vincennes was ordered back to the West Coast, through the Panama Canal. At that time, the War was going poorly for the Allies. Germany was overrunning Europe, and Japan was taking over most of Southeast Asia and the South Pacific.

To bolster American morale, President Roosevelt ordered a bombing raid on Tokyo, the capital of Japan. The aircraft carrier Hornet, carrying General James Doolittle's planes and pilots, headed across the Pacific. Their escorts included the cruiser Vincennes, with Horace Still on board. He was then a boatswain's mate in a gunnery turret.



The American bombers swooped over Tokyo in April 1942, causing great consternation among Japanese leaders and the general public. No one had believed that American bombers would ever reach their homeland. American morale soared.

The Vincennes was then sent early in May to the Coral Sea, where a major battle was looming, but arrived too late to get into the action. The cruiser did participate, however, in the epic sea battle at Midway, June 3 through 6, where the American fleet scored a major victory.

By this time, the American high command had decided to undertake a direct attack on a Japanese base. They selected the island of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands,



Horace Still (left) as a Navy seaman in 1938, and (above) as State Commander of the Massachusetts Disabled American Veterans.

where on August 7, 1942, American Marines made the first landing of the Pacific war.

A huge naval force was deployed to protect the landing operation, and among the ships was the Vincennes.

Japanese naval leaders recognized the importance of Guadalcanal, with its newly completed airfield, and sent a vast armada of cruisers and destroyers to the area.

On the night of August 8, the two navies engaged in a series of night battles, and the Japanese proved to be the better night fighters. They sunk four allied cruisers and a destroyer, killing some 1,300 Americans and injuring another 700. The Japanese

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Glenn Rathbun Lost Sight in 1944 German Shell Blast

Glenn Rathbun was born March 21, 1918, in Montana, the son and first child of Ernest Earl⁸ Rathbun (Benjamin⁷⁻⁶⁻⁵ William⁴ Job³ Joseph² John¹) and Ruth Vera (Irwin) Rathbun. He was born at home in a difficult birth which required the doctor to use forceps. As a result, his right eye was damaged.

"It was not until I was 10 years old that I could see objects and it wasn't until I was 15 that I realized my eyes were improving. I bought glasses (on my own) and exercised my eyes until I had 20/40 vision," Glenn recalls.

When Glenn was 13, the family moved from Montana to northern Idaho, where he has since spent much of his life.

"Instead of riding a horse, I learned the value of long legs and fast walking. I learned to be an excellent backwoods hunter and survivor," Glenn recalls.

In high school, he became a football player and a good one. After graduation, he was offered four college scholarships. He chose the University of Idaho, where he played football, made good grades and was active in campus activities. He also entered the ROTC.

By the time Glenn finished college, eye exercises had improved his right eyesight to 20/40 and his left to 20/10, far beyond the 20/20 normal. He passed the Army physical and accepted a second lieutenant's commission in the United States Army.

After serving for a time as ground officer in the Army Air Force, he was transferred to the Third Infantry Division. By that time, it was recognized that war with Japan was inevitable. On Nov. 29, 1941, he was married to Mary Louise Howell, and 10 days later came the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Early in 1942, his division was practicing beach landings in Oregon and California and for a time, Glenn thought he would be fighting in the South Pacific.



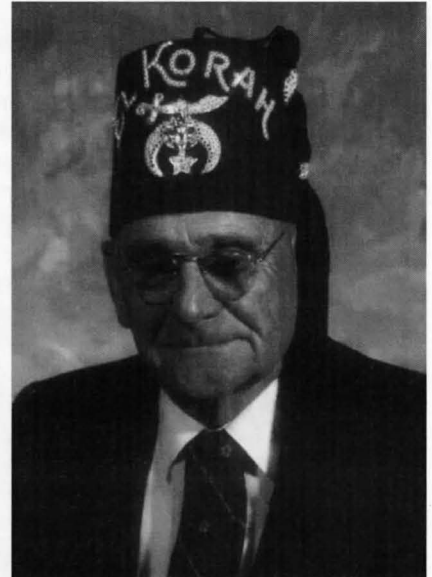
Major Glenn E. Rathbun in 1944.

But then his unit was transferred to the East Coast, and on October 23, 1942, he and his colleagues boarded a troop transport headed for Africa. They landed at Morocco on Nov. 8 and spent three days fighting the French forces there.

In February 1943, Glenn was transferred to Tunisia and joined the 2nd Army Corps. The unit joined with English troops fighting the Germans under General Rommel. In that campaign, he was promoted to captain and became a company commander.

Then he was sent back to the Third Infantry Division and on July 10, 1943, his unit stormed ashore at Sicily. After the successful campaign there, Glenn was assigned to the Heavy Weapons Battalion of the Seventh Infantry Regiment.

In September, his unit landed at Salerno, Italy, and began a 59-day campaign which took the troops through heavy fighting in the mountains of southern Italy. By November,



Glenn Rathbun in Masonic headdress.

they reached the main German defense line at Cassino, and Glenn had been wounded three times, none seriously.

They were expecting to be ordered into an attack on the German line, but instead were sent to Naples to begin training for another assignment. In late January 1944, Glenn found himself in the vanguard of the Anzio Beachhead Invasion.

Four months later, now senior captain in his regiment, Glenn was offered a position as aide-de-camp to General Mark Clark, commanding general of the Fifth American Army.

"I turned it down," Glenn recalls, "because I figured that I would be promoted much faster in the field, as higher officers were killed, wounded or transferred." It was a wise decision. The army began a march toward Rome, and on the first day Glenn was an acting major. The next day he was

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Henry Howe Rathbun Won Fame as U.S. Farm Leader

This is the story of a Rathbun who was born in the West but made his mark in the East, an ambitious man whose hard work and dedication took him to the peak of success, only to have a heart attack end his brilliant career at the age of 57.

Henry Howe Rathbun was born May 12, 1891, on a sheep ranch near Los Vegas, New Mexico, the fourth of six sons born to Charles Amory⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ Alfred⁶ Wait⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹) and Carrie Adams Dyer

The parents moved in 1900 to a cattle ranch near Hutchinson, Kansas, but they did not have a happy marriage. They were separated when Henry was still a boy, and his childhood years were somewhat chaotic. He lived at times with his mother, his father and his maternal grandmother.

Henry was a tall, strapping boy, standing nearly six feet when he was 16. He had red hair and was known as "Carrot Top." It later turned to a reddish brown. He worked at various jobs during his troubled teen years—as a lumberjack, cowboy, telegraph operator and even as a professional baseball player one summer.

The unsettled life took its toll on the six Rathbun boys, two of whom committed suicide in their adult years. Henry, known as Hank, developed a streak of "wildness" and was expelled from high school. He was sent to a "manual training school" where he also had behavioral problems. In 1907, when he was 16, his maternal grandmother became his guardian, and in September 1908, had him admitted to the Culver Military Academy, in Indiana.

At Culver, Henry seemed to settle down. He was a successful student and in the summers attended the United States Naval Academy. He became manager of the Culver football



*Henry Howe Rathbun
(1891-1948)*

team and captain of the baseball team, and was promoted to officer rank.

About 1909, aged 18, he got in trouble again, and was court-martialed for his "follies." No one today knows exactly what he did, or whether it involved girls, drinking or gambling. He was expelled from the school and stripped of his officer rank. But the authorities must have recognized his good qualities, for he was allowed to return, made a sergeant-at-arms, and was graduated in 1910.

That fall, he moved to Lafayette, Indiana, and entered Purdue University. He must have had a dynamic personality even then, for he was elected president of the freshman class and appointed manager of the Purdue football team.

About this time, serious romance entered his life. His former Culver roommate Jack Masters was also attending Purdue, and through him Rathbun met Jack's younger sister,

Estelle, then living with her mother in Lafayette. Estelle was only 14, five years younger than Hank, but she was a beautiful and charming girl, extremely mature for her years.

On June 16, 1911, five weeks before Estelle's fifteenth birthday, they eloped and were married in Knox, Indiana. Estelle lied about her age, and must have looked much older than her years.

Hank remained at Purdue, and the young couple apparently lived with her mother. Estelle's father had been a successful and wealthy insurance executive, and left his family a considerable fortune when he died in 1909.

By this time, Rathbun had decided that farming was his main interest and he began taking agricultural courses. By the end of the 1911-1912 school year he took over management of Purdue's dairy farm. That fall, he decided not to continue his college courses, but instead became the paid manager of Purdue's chicken farm.

Hank and Estelle had considered buying a farm in central Indiana, probably using a \$27,000 legacy from her father. A banker friend recommended that they instead invest their money in a farm in upstate New York.

On April 21, 1913, they purchased the 192-acre David Fairchild Homestead Farm between Oriskany Falls and Augusta, N.Y. They renamed it the Rathbun Homestead Farm. A year later, Hank purchased a general store in Augusta in partnership with his brother-in-law Jack Masters. In 1915, a postoffice was established in the store, and Rathbun was named postmaster. When the postoffice was closed in 1917, he sold the store, and devoted all his energies to the farm.

During the next decade, with many long hours of hard work, Rathbun emerged as one of the area's most successful farmers. He purchased six more farms and eventually owned about 1,000 acres. The family moved

to nearby Vernon, and then to New Hartford, a village near Utica.

Rathbun by then was directing a major farm operation. He had a herd of more than 200 pure-bred Holstein cattle, nearly 100 hogs and huge flocks of chickens, totaling more than 5,000, which produced up to 10,000 chicks annually. He also devoted over 300 acres to cash crops—primarily beans, potatoes and peas.

It was dairying that became his main interest. He was a pioneer member of the Dairymen's League of Upstate New York, and became one of its most active members.

By the late 1920s, Hank and Estelle had four children—Estelle, born in 1913, Henry Howe Jr. in 1915, Edith in 1917 and Josie in 1922. Hank by then was nearly six feet two, weighed 190 pounds. He was big, dynamic and extremely personable.

Rathbun and his fellow dairymen in the area shipped their milk to dealers in New York City. In 1921, the dealers found closer and cheaper suppliers, and stopped buying from the upstate dairymen. Their was chaos among the dairy farmers, who saw their very existence threatened.

Hank Rathbun then showed the depth of his courage, ability and leadership. He planned and organized a trucking system to haul milk to plants over an extensive area of upstate New York. He helped establish an ice-cream plant in Utica, which became an outlet for thousands of gallons of milk.

Under his guidance, the dairy league formed a cooperative association which eventually bought or built 106 milk-processing plants. Some were equipped to bottle milk, others manufactured ice cream, butter, cheese and whole-milk powder.

Hank did more than just plan. He was a "hands-on" leader. He drove the milk trucks, and he stopped along the highways to talk with farmers and persuade them to join the dairy league.

His fellow dairymen knew a leader when they saw one. Rathbun was elected in 1924 as president of the Oneida County Dairy League, and in 1926 became a director of the New York State Dairymen's League. In 1928, he was invited to join the Executive Committee of the State



Henry Howe Rathbun (right) with Governor Thomas E. Dewey in 1945.

group and in 1935, he became state vice-president.

Rathbun dabbled in Republican party politics during these years, although never interested in holding public office. He was an alternate delegate to the 1936 and 1940 Republican National Conventions.

With the outbreak of World War II, Rathbun took the lead in diverting milk supplies to Europe under the Lend Lease Act, and when the United States entered the war in 1941, he beefed up the dried-milk operations to provide milk powder to the rapidly expanding Armed Services.

Thomas E. Dewey was elected New York's governor in 1943, and in 1944 appointed Rathbun to the State Food Commission. Rathbun was greatly impressed with Dewey, and the two became friends. With Dewey's influence, Rathbun was appointed to the New York State Republican Executive

Committee, and worked that year in Dewey's unsuccessful campaign for president.

Rathbun's devotion to the dairymen's organizations had put him in the middle of controversy over the years. Non-league dairymen complained that the cooperatives enjoyed unfair advantages over non-members, but Rathbun simply invited them to become members.

The Capper-Volstead Act of 1922 had legalized the right of farmers to join together to market their products, but non-leaguers questioned the law's constitutionality. In 1946, their complaints led to Federal charges that the dairy league had "rigged prices" in the New York area. The league officers were found guilty and fined, but Rathbun firmly insisted that their actions had been entirely legal.

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Rathbun maintained his friendship with Governor Dewey, and in 1945 he helped resolve a dispute among Republican leaders in New York over Dewey's plans to run for president again in 1948. In May 1945, the Governor was a guest at Rathbun's farm.

By this time, the Rathbun children had grown up, and Hank brought several of them into the family business. Henry Jr. became his partner in the farm operation. Edith had married Albert Roberts in 1937 and they operated one of his seven farms. Josie married Harry Cornish in 1940, and Hank financed them in opening a milk store.

Hank then had more time for the dairy league business. In 1945, he was elected president of the State organization, which then had 26,000 members. By this time he had become nationally known, and was in great demand as a speaker at dairy functions.

In 1946, he was elected president of the National Council of Dairy Cooperatives, representing some 3,000,000 dairy farmers across the United States.

In 1947, Governor Dewey formally announced that he would again be a candidate for president, and was nominated by the Republican Party. Hank Rathbun became an influential member of Dewey's "inner circle." He was the Governor's farm advisor and was put in charge of organizing national farm support for Dewey's campaign.

It was an "open secret" that Dewey, if elected, would appoint Rathbun as Secretary of Agriculture.

In September 1948, Hank went to Des Moines, Iowa, to direct a political strategy meeting for the Dewey Campaign. While there, he suffered a heart attack and died in his hotel room on September 27.

Governor and Mrs. Dewey issued a statement expressing their shock and sorrow on the death of "our old and dear friend Henry Rathbun. The dairy-men of our state have lost a great leader, and Mrs. Dewey and I have lost a good friend."

A letter written by Gov. Dewey to



*Estelle (Masters) Rathbun
(1896-1989)*

Estelle Rathbun on October 9 is still possessed by the family:

"Dear Mrs. Rathbun: On this, my first opportunity since returning from the last trip, I want to express to you my heartfelt sympathy in which Mrs. Dewey joins me. Never did anyone have a finer friend than Hank was to me, and there are thousands of others who have the same feeling.

"I know it will be of much comfort to you in these difficult days to know that there are so many of us who are sharing a sense of deep loss—who are thinking of you and sharing with you.

"If there is anything in the world I can do or get done, now or in the future, I hope you will call on me freely and unreservedly. (Signed) Thomas W. Dewey."

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannon paid tribute to Rathbun as "a strong and courageous leader," and the New York Times called Rathbun "one of the most important farm leaders in the United States."

Ironically, only a few hours before Rathbun's death, a daughter was born to his daughter Sarah Cornish in a Utica hospital, and a few days before that, Rathbun's infant grandson died—the son of his daughter Estelle Nelson.

Rathbun's wife, Estelle, was left a widow at age 52, but this remarkable woman still had a long and active life ahead of her. Married at 14, a mother

at 16, she had not even fished high school, but she had a fine mind and was a worthy mate of the dynamic Henry Rathbun.

Even while raising a family and supporting her husband in his many activities, she had found time to continue her education. She took summer courses at Cornell University, and successfully passed courses in English and drama.

Two years after her husband's death, she passed the required tests and was approved by the New York Board of Education as a teacher of adult education. She taught for the next 15 years. During those years, she also earned a degree at the Utica Conservatory of Music, where she studied the viola, and she enrolled in classes to study such crafts as jewelry, hooked rugs and enameling.

This amazing lady lived to be almost 93, dying on July 8, 1989, three weeks before her 93rd birthday. Of her four children, two are still alive—Edith and Estelle. Her son Henry Howe Rathbun Jr. just died on July 19.

(Our thanks to Rob Rathbun, grandson of Henry Howe Rathbun, for the information and pictures that made this story possible.)

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had one cruiser damaged, and less than 200 casualties.

Japanese shells and torpedoes sunk the American cruisers Vincennes, Quincy and Astoria, and the Australian cruiser Canberra was so badly damaged that she was deliberately sunk by our own torpedoes.

Horace Still was in one of the Vincennes' gunnery turrets, which suffered a direct hit from a Japanese shell. Horace was one of a 20-man crew. Ten of them were killed outright. Horace was hit by shrapnel which ripped into his right knee.

Horace today has no memory of what happened after that. The next thing he knew, he was in the ocean, with four other men, without life jackets. The Vincennes had plunged to the bottom. Some 350 of her 1,000-man crew were dead.

It was about 2:30 in the morning, and it was pitch dark. Horace and his four companions stayed together throughout the rest of the night, dog-paddling in small circles to stay afloat. Horace, with a shattered, broken knee, kept paddling with great difficulty. The possibility of a shark attack kept them in constant fear.

Eight hours later, at 10:30, they were spotted by an American destroyer, the Mugford, which came to pick them up from the ocean. A cargo net was thrown over the side, and the five men clambered up out of the water. But Horace, with a shattered knee, could not make it, despite several attempts, and he kept falling back into the water.

A sailor on the Mugford saw what was happening. He grabbed a rope, dived into the ocean, and tied the rope around Horace. A minute later he had been pulled up onto the destroyer's deck.

He was first sent to a hospital in New Zealand, then in September he was sent to the United States and landed in San Diego, California, early in October. He made the trip on the USS Matsonia, a converted troopship which had once been the flagship of the Matson Lines. (In a strange turn of history, your editor boarded the Matsonia a few weeks later with the Second Marine Division, and sailed to

New Zealand, where Horace had just left.)

Horace, with a badly crippled knee, was awarded a Purple Heart Medal and given a disability discharge from the Navy in 1943. He returned to civilian life, but the wound never healed properly. In 1945, infection set in and began to spread. Horace spent the next three years at Chelsea Naval Hospital, and then was in and out of hospitals for 30 years. The infection kept spreading and his leg became almost useless.

In 1983, forty years after he was wounded, surgeons finally gave up and the leg was amputated.

The loss of his leg did not stop Horace from enjoying life. He worked for the state of Massachusetts and then the Internal Revenue Service as a tax agent for many years. Horace also had become an active member of the Disabled American Veterans and served in 1968-1969 as Massachusetts State Commander. Through these activities, he made many friends throughout the United States, and after retiring, he and his wife traveled frequently, both in America and foreign nations.

In 1991, Horace's wife died, after nearly 50 years of marriage. Through his DAV activities, he met Dorothy (Dot) Harrigan, the widow of another DAV member. They make their home in Medford, Mass., and have traveled the world together, attending several of our Rathbun Association national reunions.

In his spare time, Horace volunteers at the VA Hospital at West Roxbury, and has become an expert "rug hooker." (He presented one of his beautiful hooked rugs to your editor at our 1993 Williamsburg reunion, and it is one of my prized possessions. It has the Rathbun coat of arms hooked in the rug.)

Horace is a courageous, outgoing and inspiring man. Confinement to a wheelchair has not dimmed his enthusiasm for life.

New Data

We have discovered some new information on Amos⁵ Rathbun (Thomas⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹), who was covered in our genealogical section in the April 1984 Historian, page 28.

Our member Bob Rathbone of New Hampshire found a newspaper clipping dated in 1942 from an unidentified paper in Cazenovia, N.Y., where Amos lived.

"Soon after coming into the community (early in the 1800s), it was discovered that Amos Rathbone (he actually used the Rathbun spelling) was a handy man with carpenter's tools, and his neighbors employed him to do various jobs for them. He built a very comfortable frame house for his family at an early day.

"Also he was a famous rifleman and owned a very fine rifle. He prided himself on being able to go anywhere in the surrounding forest and not get lost. He was a member of a company known as the 'Riflemen' and when he went out in search of criminals with his company, it was a sad time for horse thieves and robbers, as he usually got his man even under adverse circumstances, leaving the details to be arranged later.

"When the notorious Indian, 'Antone,' was hung on a gallows in Morrisville on September 12, 1823, so many strange Indians were seen in and about Morrisville previous to the day set for the execution it was feared a rescue would be attempted.

"Just previous to the hour set for the hanging, over 300 of these riflemen, Amos Rathbone among them, quietly surrounded the spot where the execution was to take place.

"The execution proceeded according to schedule. One hour later, it was said, not an Indian could be seen anywhere about Morrisville."

The article also reveals what caused the death of Ira, one of Amos' twin sons.

"Ira, in a wood-chopping accident, cut a foot severely with an axe. The wound wasn't properly cared for and blood poisoning set in, causing his death while he was still a young man" (Ira died July 31, 1859, aged 38).

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named battalion commander, a lieutenant-colonel's job. Seventeen days later, Clark's army took Rome.

Glenn was commissioned a major, but a lieutenant-colonel took over the battalion, and Glenn became executive officer.

He remained in the thick of the fighting. Transferred again to the Seventh Army, he landed with American and Free French troops in southern France and by October the Army was driving north up the Rhone River. On October 2 Glenn was named battalion commander.

"The regimental commander found out that I could memorize maps and aerial photos, and that I had excellent night command capabilities," Glenn said. "As a result, I was assigned to lead night patrols behind the German lines. Our presence rattled the Germans, who began to retreat. My battalion suffered fewer casualties than the daytime fighters."

The Americans broke through the German lines to Strausburg on the Rhine River on the day after Thanksgiving in 1944.

After a tour of guard duty in Rome, Glenn was sent back to his regiment and on December 5, he went out on a reconnaissance patrol with his regimental commander. A German shell made a direct hit on the two officers.

"He was hospitalized for 18 months," Glenn recalled. "But my military career was over. A shell fragment pierced my left eye (my good one!) and I was totally blind instantly. The fragment tore through my face, broke my right cheekbone and damaged my right eye."

He was evacuated to a general hospital, where he remained for a month. In January 1945, he was sent to Marseilles and hoped to board a ship for the United States. But infection developed in his wound, and he was sent instead to a hospital in Paris.

"I had been advised by American doctors to let no one operate on me unless in Great Britain or America," Glenn said. "Two doctors wanted to operate, but I refused, and I was soon headed for the United States."

His eventual destination was Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park, Calif.,

where he arrived Feb. 10. He was there 18 months. Despite all that doctors could do, he was left with 20/200 vision in his right eye, and no left eye at all. He was legally blind! At age 27, he was retired on a disability pension as a lieutenant-colonel.

But Glenn Rathbun did not let his handicap stop him. In September 1946 he enrolled at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. His wife had to read his work assignments and lessons to him. He began with two courses the first semester, then took three and finally four. Two years later he received his master's degree in business administration with a three-point grade average.

"Upon graduation, I received the biggest surprise of my life when I tried to find a job," Glenn recalls. "I was a retired lieutenant colonel with a master's degree in business administration, but I was just not wanted."

He worked several years in a variety of jobs, then in 1951 he went to work for Hewlett-Packard, then a small electronics business with 200 employees. He began on the assembly line and within a year he was in charge of an assembly crew. In 1963, he moved into production control and engineering.

At age 55, he retired for the second time. His two children had by then completed college and were married. He and Louise returned to Idaho, and in 1975 Glenn fulfilled his life-long dream—they bought a half-acre "ranch" north of Boise where they have since lived.

Glenn and his wife Louise have attended several of our Association's national reunions.

Glenn has kept in touch with his war-time associates. He is a member of the Third Infantry Division Association and was national president from 1978 to 1982, and is now president of Washington state's "Outpost Chapter." He has published a history of the Division's 15th Regiment. One of his friends was Audie Murphy, the most highly decorated soldier of World War II, who died in an airplane crash in the 1960s.

Glenn Rathbun is a strong and courageous man who has lived a full and satisfying life despite overwhelming odds.

New Data

We have more complete information on Horace⁷ Rathbun (Historian of October 1994, page 60). There is some doubt as to his ancestry, and we are now doing more research on it. His second wife's name was apparently Sarah House, born Oct. 2, 1876. They were married in 1893. Their children were:

1. ISAAC EARL, born Oct. 24, 1894; married Jeanne Eliza Kelly (1903-1992). They had no children, and he died Jan. 6, 1973.

2. GLEN, born Sept. 1, 1896; married Minnie _____.

3. ISABELLE ESTHER, born July 4, 1907 (when Horace was 75!); married (1) Alfred Henry Sopha, and (2) Roy William Thomas.

4. HORACE BENNY, born July 8, 1911 (when Horace was 79!!); married Blanche Elaine Schiesler.

After Horace's death in 1913, Sarah married William Justin in 1915. She died July 12, 1930. Our thanks for all this data to our new member Jerry D. Rathbun, a son of Horace Jr.

J. Edgar Rathbun, son of Green⁶ Rathbun (Green⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻¹), (Historian of October 1994, page 58), was John Edgar Rathbun. He was born in May 1831 and was married in 1866 to Dilleth Wire (1846-1911). He died in 1912. Both are buried at Cincinnatus, N.Y. Their daughter Edith died in 1914 and another daughter Mary, born in 1873, died in 1927. Our thanks to Larry Trask.

Emeline Weld Munn, wife of Joel⁶ Rathbone (Samuel⁵ Joshua⁴ Jonathan³ John²⁻¹), was born May 15, 1810, in Troy, N.Y. (Historian of Jan. 1986, page 12).

Eunice Rathbun, the first wife of Zebulon⁶ Rathbun (Edmund⁵ Jonathan⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹), was born Aug. 27, 1790, at Otis, Mass., the daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Clark) Babb, and died about 1830. His second wife was Amy (Ames) Ransom, parentage unknown, who died in 1882. (Historian of Oct. 1987).

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194. THOMAS JEFFERSON⁷ RATHBUN (Daniel⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born Oct. 14, 1837, in Muncie, Indiana. He was married Oct. 5, 1871, in Drake County, Ohio, to Mary F. Taylor, born in April 1853, parentage unknown. They lived in Jay County, Indiana, where he died Nov. 13, 1915, and Mary died April 11, 1936.

CHILDREN

ELMER G., born May 19, 1873; married (1) Myrtle Rantz, and (2) Mary N. Barnett.

FLORENCE, born in 1877; married Charles Courtney on Feb. 3, 1900.

195. JULIUS CLARK⁷ RATHBUN (Daniel⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born April 11, 1851, in Athens, Ohio. He was married July 12, 1873, to Christina Bisel, born in January 1855, parentage unknown. They lived in Jay County, Indiana, where both were living in 1920. Their death dates are not known.

CHILDREN

CHARLES PINCKNEY, born April 5, 1875; married Myrtle J. Worum.

LORENZO RUTHERFORD, born April 7, 1878; married Carrie Brubacker.

MABEL ARDINA, born Nov. 4, 1886; no further data.

HILDRED E., born about 1887; died Oct. 15, 1899.

ALBERT KENNETH, born Oct. 2, 1889; married Nora C. Vincent.

196. JOHN JAY⁷ RATHBUN (Hiram⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born Nov. 29, 1842, in Jay County, Indiana. He was married March 31, 1867, in Jay County, to Sarah Emmaline LaFollette,

born Nov. 29, 1842, daughter of John and Amy (Mills) LaFollette. He died Feb. 24, 1925, in Portland, Indiana, and Sarah died April 26, 1934.

CHILDREN

OSCAR EDWIN, born June 8, 1868; died single May 21, 1910.

JESSE R., born March 8, 1871; married Ida May Lloyd.

JOSEPH WILFRED, born Feb. 18, 1873; died single Sept. 5, 1954.

GEORGE LaFOLLETTE, born Sept. 9, 1875; married (1) Jennie Lavina Steed, and (2) Mary Beckner.

197. WILLIAM LEWIS⁷ RATHBUN (Hiram⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born Sept. 4, 1846, in Jay County, Indiana. He was married there on Oct. 1, 1868, to Sarah Ellen Garinger, born Jan. 27, 1849, daughter of (?) David and Tamar (Adams) Garringer. He served during the Civil War, in 1864-5 as a sergeant in the 127th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Cavalry. He died June 16, 1911, and Sarah died March 23, 1919. Both are buried at Warsaw, Indiana.

CHILDREN

LYMAN ELLSWORTH, born in July 1869; married (1) Georgia A. Senton, and (2) Goldie Beiber (or Seller).

DAVID CURTIS, born March 16, 1871; married (1) Ida B. Wacker, and (2) Della Christner.

BENJAMIN HIRAM, born in April 1873; married Florence Adams.

JACOB LEWIS, born in Feb. 1876; married Bessie Marvel.

ANN FRANCES, born May 27, 1879; married Clinton Hathway.

MARTHA JANE, born in June 1882; married Cleveland Bennett Sept. 4, 1912.

198. HIRAM L.⁷ RATHBUN (William⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born Feb. 5, 1841, in Jay County, Indiana, and was married June 2, 1864, in Hancock County, Ohio, to Lavina Smith, born about 1840, daughter of Sanford and Edith T. Smith. They lived in Hancock County, where Lavina died sometime before 1900. He was then married to Sarah E. Deming. Hiram died Sept. 26, 1917, in Perkins, Erie County, Ohio, and Sarah died June 7, 1922, at Findlay, Ohio.

CHILDREN

SANFORD T., born in Sept. 1864; married Wilda Rachel Pratt.

HARVEY, born about 1870; died (?) May 16, 1930 in Lyons, Ohio.

ELSIE, born about 1874; no further data.

FANNY, born in March 1876; married Franklin Archibald.

JOHN ABISHA, born March 7, 1879; married Emma Walker.

199. GEORGE R.⁷ RATHBUN (William⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born about 1849 in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana. He was married June 23, 1881, in Van Wert County, Ohio, to Rosa Wein, born July 6, 1852, daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Shaver) Wein. They lived in Allen County, Ohio, where he died sometime before 1900. Rosa died there Nov. 30, 1910.

CHILD

WILLIAM R., born in September 1884; married Ida Mouser.

200. BENJAMIN W.⁷ RATHBUN (William⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born in March 1854 in Jay County,

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Indiana. He was married there Dec. 28, 1878, to Sarah Jane Dailey, born about 1858, parentage unknown. They moved to Van Wert County, Ohio, where Sarah died by 1885. He was married that year on Oct. 13 to Louise A. Pangle, born in July 1862, parentage unknown. They both died in 1944 and are buried in Van Wert County.

CHILDREN

By Sarah

?DANIEL D., born in 1882; married Ella _____.

By Louise

GRACE E., born June 10, 1890; married Harry Bashore about 1909.

201. JONATHAN FRANCIS⁷ RATHBUN (William⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born Nov. 9, 1851, in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana. He was married there Jan. 3, 1877 (or Feb. 3, 1880), to Anna C. Ritter, born in January 1859, parentage unknown. They lived in Blackford County, Indiana, where Anna died in the early 1900s. He was married again on Nov. 6, 1915, to Allie Smallwood, birthdate and parentage unknown. Jonathan was living as late as 1928 in Michigan, but his death date is not known. Nothing more is known of his second wife.

CHILDREN

All by Anna

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DELIA (or DELLA), born in 1878; married ? Frank Roberts Dec. 11, 1896.

THOMAS ROBERT, born Sept. 29, 1890; married Lena Flick.

LEONA, born in October 1893; married (1) Charles Barnes, and (2) _____ Schwank.

202. WILLIAM C.⁷ RATHBUN (William⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born in March 1859, in Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana. He was married

Oct. 18, 1883, in Muncie, Indiana, to Annie M. Dailey, born in July 1867, parentage unknown. They were living in 1900 at Hartford, Indiana. She died sometime before 1907. On August 9 that year, William was married to Dora Casteel. They were living at Newcastle, Indiana, in 1920, but nothing more is known of them.

CHILDREN

All by Annie

CLARA, born in August 1884; married Fred E. Rensch Dec. 14, 1904.

FLEDA A., born in Feb. 1889; married Charles O. McDermit on May 12, 1906.

HAROLD, born in 1891; died Oct. 12, 1895.

D.S. (a son), born Jan. 7, 1894; died Jan. 14, 1894.

ABRILLA, born April 15, 1897; married Lawrence Burkett on April 16, 1916.

203. SAMUEL CARPENTER⁷ RATHBUN (John⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born June 21, 1846, in Washington County, Ohio. He served during the last year of the Civil War in the 153rd Indiana Regiment, described as five foot three and a half inches tall, with grey eyes and dark hair and complexion. He was a miner in Colorado in the late 1870s, then moved to Crawford County, Kansas, where he was married May 18, 1880, to Mary Alice Bair, born Oct. 12, 1859, daughter of (?) Benjamin and Sophia (Meyer) Bair. They moved to San Juan County, N.M., where Mary died Nov. 18, 1897. He was married again on April 20, 1910, to Ina T. McClaren, born Dec. 6, 1867, parentage unknown. Samuel died April 7, 1927, at Raton, N.M. Ina died in 1949.

CHILDREN

All by Mary

CHARLES CLINTON, born Sept. 30, 1881; married (1) Willie Murray, and (2) Alice Devenny.

WALTER S., born May 17, 1883; married Nellie _____

EMMA, born Jan. 12, 1885; married Charles Schempp on May 21, 1906.

GRACE (twin), born Jan. 12, 1885; married Vance Humphrey Dec. 20, 1905.

MAUDE ANN, born Feb. 17, 1887; married (1) Eli Burch and (2) John Knox. See Corrections 16-2 p 37

204. AMOS⁷ RATHBUN (John⁶ Gideon⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born in Feb. 1859 in Jay County, Ind. He was married June 22, 1884, in Chatauqua County, Kansas, to his cousin Mary Wilhelmina Rathbun, born Jan. 26, 1864, daughter of Daniel⁷ Rathbun (Edmund⁶ Gideon⁵⁻⁴ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹). They moved to Kansas, living at various times in Melvern, Burlington and finally Topeka, where Mary died Feb. 24, 1946, and Amos died Jan. 23, 1949.

CHILDREN

CLARA E., born April 29, 1885; married John Herbert Richardson on April 30, 1906.

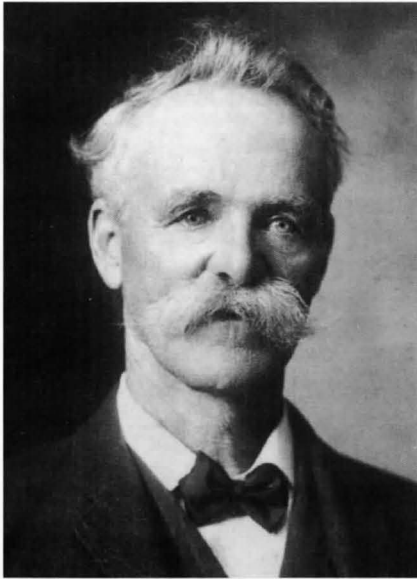
FLETIA E., born in July 1886; died young.

KATY A., born in Dec. 1888; married Thomas Allison.

LEROY J., born in May 1894; married (?) Cynthia Driver, and (2) Irene Whalen.

205. DAVID LEWIS⁷ RATHBURN (Lewis⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born Sept. 26, 1842, in Athens County, Ohio. He was married first on March 7, 1861, to Alcinda Evans, born Sept. 12, 1843, daughter of Aaron and Rachel (Koons) Evans. She died April 8, 1885, of consumption (tuberculosis), and he was married the following July 2 to Rachel Shannon, born Nov. 24, 1854, parentage unknown. She died Dec. 31, 1889, and he was married Dec. 31, 1890, to Sarah Jane (White) Smith, widow of Geo. W. Smith, born March 8, 1852, parentage unknown. She died Jan. 29, 1907, and he was married the following year to Carrie McPherson, birthdate and parentage unknown. She died about 1914, and he was married for the fifth and last time on Dec. 31, 1915, to Rosetta Mae (Bolin) Frost,

born Sept. 10, 1874, parentage unknown. David died Feb. 26, 1928, at Amesville, Ohio. Rosetta died August 2, 1951.



David Lewis Rathburn
(1842-1928)

CHILDREN

By Alcinda

ROSWELL MARSHALL, born July 26, 1861; married Josephine Lewis.

EDITH MAY BELL, born Dec. 29, 1863; married John Parmiter.

ORESTUS SHIVELY, born May 10, 1866; married Beatrice Johns.

PHARIEBA ADELAIDE, born Oct. 8, 1869; married Asher Dixon on Feb. 18, 1888.

MARVIN CORISANDE, born July 25, 1874; married Mary Wiles.

HARLEY CALVIN, born Jan. 27, 1877; married (1) Elizabeth Carr and (2) Grace Totman.

LEWIS DAVID, born Jan. 11, 1880; married **Martha** _____

RACHEL MINNIE, born Dec. 12, 1883; died May 30, 1884.
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By Rachel

MARY ALCINDA, born Oct. 6, 1886; died June 3, 1889.

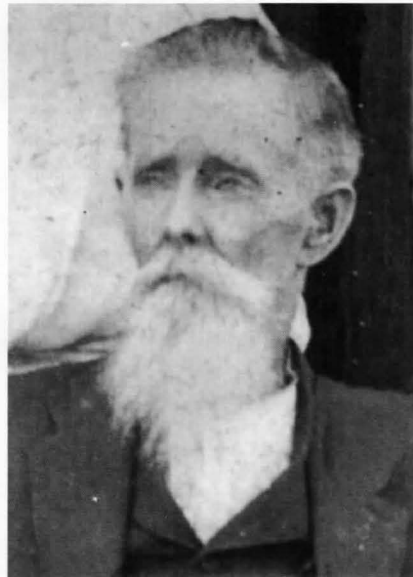
JOHN WESLEY, born March 21, 1888; married Georgia Patterson.

By Sarah

ELMER ELZA, born April 17, 1893; married (1) Edna _____, and (2) Lucy Maurer.

ORA JANE, born Dec. 21, 1894; married Arthur Lieuellen on June 27, 1914.

206. JOHN RANDALL⁷ RATHBURN (Ruel⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born Dec. 29, 1843 (or 1845), in Athens County, Ohio. He served in the 125th Ohio Volunteers during the Civil War, and on June 9, 1867, was married to Axcie Kordelia Wooley, born Aug. 31, 1850, daughter of Thomas and Nancy (DeSelm) Wooley. They lived all their lives in Athens County, where he died August 11, 1919, and Axcie died Feb. 5, 1926.



John Randall Rathburn
(1845-1919)

CHILDREN

ELLA LEORA, born April 26, 1868; married Jeremiah Conant on Dec. 21, 1885.

HENRY ELMER, born Feb. 12, 1870; married Elmira Tatman.

ROSA LULU, born Jan. 23, 1872; died Jan. 8, 1878.

RICHARD, born Feb. 2, 1879; died Feb. 22, 1879.

IRA EDDY, born May 15, 1880; married Nellie Mills.

MARTHA ANN, born Sept. 19, 1884; married William Payne Haybron on Sept. 16, 1905.

WALDEN HARRISON, born Oct. 12, 1888; accidentally hung to death while playing "cowboys and Indians" on Dec. 29, 1897, aged nine.

207. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁷ RATHBURN (Ruel⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born in 1847 in Athens County, Ohio. He was married in the early 1870s to Jane Linscott, birthdate and parentage unknown. She died within a few years, and he was married again on Oct. 11, 1879, to Charlotte Blair, born about 1851, parentage unknown. They were divorced, and on Dec. 3, 1881, he was married to Nancy A. Wooley, born April 18, 1843, daughter of Thomas and Nancy (DeSelm) Wooley. They lived in Athens County, where Nancy died about 1922 and George died March 5, 1928.

CHILDREN

By Jane

FLORENCE, born about 1877; no further data. After her mother's death, she was raised by her maternal grandparents.

By Nancy

CLARENCE EMIL, born May 11, 1883; married Hazel Maude Cole.

208. MARY ANN⁷ RATHBURN (Ruel⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹), born June 7, 1854, in Ames, Ohio. She had an illegitimate son, Charles, born in 1877, who took the Rathburn name. She was married on Feb. 3, 1882, to Thomas T. Blair, by whom she had five more children. She died Sept. 4, 1922, at Ames.

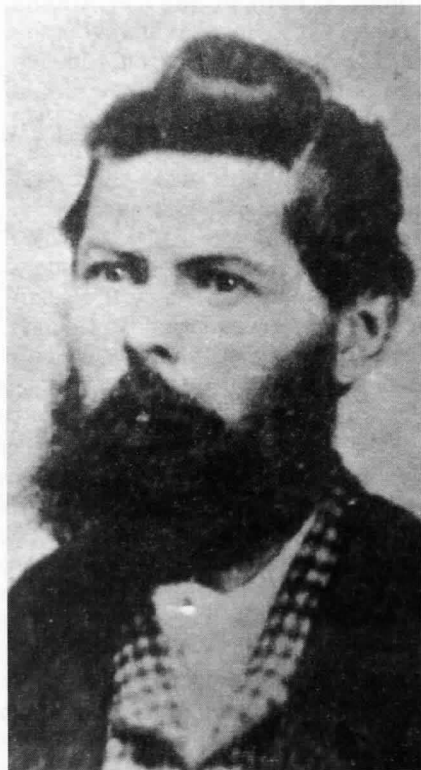
CHILD

CHARLES E., born April 22, 1877; married Maude Jones.

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209. EDMUND EARL (OR EARLY)⁷ RATHBONE (Gideon⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born Nov. 17, 1831, in Springfield, Illinois. He was married Oct. 13, 1855, to Nancy Jane Johnson, born Nov. 19, 1832, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Adams) Johnson. Edmund died Jan. 20, 1870, aged 39, at Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Nancy died April 7, 1909.



Edmund E. Rathbone
(1831-1870)

CHILDREN

CHARITY CLARISSA, born in August 1856; married Herbert Bigalow.
COKER FIFIELD, born Sept. 7, 1861; married Anna Belle Alford.
EDMUND HARVEY, born April 11, 1865; married Elizabeth Bebb.

210. ONATUS CHAFFEE⁷ RATHBONE (Gideon⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born Jan. 17, 1834, at Springfield, Illinois. He was married Dec. 13, 1864, in Tama County, Iowa, to Emma Sophia Blanchard, born Oct. 14, 1846,

parentage unknown. They lived all their married life at Eldora, Iowa, where Emma died March 10, 1910, and Onatus on Sept. 9, 1920.

CHILDREN

WARREN ERNEST, born Feb. 3, 1865; married Minnie Murray.

MAURICE EBERT, born Sept. 12, 1866; died April 6, 1890.

ADALINE ELVIRA, born July 12, 1871; married William Henry Smith on Oct. 23, 1895.

211. JOHN QUINCY⁷ RATHBONE (Gideon⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born July 28, 1837, in Springfield, Illinois. He was married Feb. 26, 1860, to Marilla Arabella Johnson, born Jan. 17, 1842, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Adams) Johnson, whose sister married his brother Edmund. They lived for many years in Iowa, first in Hardin County, then at Red Oak in Montgomery County. They moved about 1908 to Puyallup, Washington, where he operated a berry farm. John died in 1915 and Marilla died Nov. 15, 1920.

CHILDREN

FRANCIS PYATT, born May 16, 1861; married Emily DeFrates Day on June 23, 1886. They had no children. He was the founder and editor of the first Rathbone Family Historian in 1892. He died April 10, 1915 at Tacoma, Washington. Emily, born about 1866, lived to be 91.

LILLIE JENNETTE, born Oct. 13, 1862; married Albert Thayer.

SAMUEL HANSON, born Jan. 13, 1865; married Maude _____.

MARIE ANTOINETTE, born April 9, 1867; married John Wilson Fulton on June 29, 1911.

GIDEON GLENDENNING, born Jan. 1, 1870; married Posey Griffis.

RALPH RHETT, born June 19, 1876; married (1) Cora Yearian, and (2) Missoula Harshaw.

DONALD QUINCY, born May 7, 1878; married Gertrude Chambers.

DESSA MARIE, born June 21, 1881; married Dr. Edwin A. Merritt.

FAY SUSAN, born in September 1883; married (1) Mark Hilliken, and (2) _____ Webster.

FLOY DeFRATES, born May 28, 1887; she was stricken with "the grippe" (probably influenza) when she was a baby, suffered a blood clot in the brain and was left mentally retarded. She died June 26, 1926.

212. ISAAC FRANCIS⁷ RATHBONE (Gideon⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born April 14, 1847, in McLean County, Illinois. After serving in the Army during the last two years of the Civil War, he was married Sept. 8, 1868, at Eldora, Iowa, to Harriet Caroline Reed, born Sept. 17, 1849, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Cackler) Reed. He "clerked" for several years, then was a farmer for six years at Steamboat Rock, Iowa. In 1883, they moved to Nemaha City, Neb., where he was a horse breeder until 1888. He then opened a grocery store in Stella, Neb., but was wiped out by a fire. He was city marshal of Nemaha City from 1884 to 1887, and then was a deputy county sheriff. About 1888, he became a clerk for the Railway Mail Service and finally moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he died July 5, 1918. Harriet died Dec. 6, 1922, at Lakewood, Washington.

CHILDREN

ROBERT R., born June 12, 1869; died unmarried in 1929.

MYRON E., born Jan. 9, 1871; died Feb. 27, 1871.

MORTIMER HULBERT, born April 7, 1872; married (1) Alice Dillon, and (2) Annie Laura Muhs.

JOHN CHESTER, born August 18, 1874; married Stella May Rutt.

ELLEN MABLE, born Jan. 19, 1877; married Ersie Y. Scott on Oct. 2, 1904.

CLARA BELL, born June 13, 1879; died Feb. 21, 1883.

HUBERT, born March 15, 1881; married Elizabeth _____.

FLORENCE, born March 3, 1885; married Bert C. Scott on Sept. 8, 1905.

ADA LEONA, born Aug. 20, 1888; died Oct. 28, 1888.

HARRY E., born Nov. 19, 1889; married Elizabeth Hill.

213. WINFIELD SCOTT⁷ RATHBONE (Gideon⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born Jan. 11, 1851, in McLean County, Illinois. He was married Nov. 27, 1873, to Annie Walker, born in January 1856, parentage unknown. They lived for several years in Pleasant Valley, Iowa, then moved to Nemaha City, Neb., and by 1900 to Newton, Mo. He died by 1910 and Annie some time after that. She was a dressmaker.

CHILDREN

JENNIE MAUDE, born Oct. 21, 1875; died Feb. 14, 1900.

DELL, born in December 1881; married George Gleniston.

214. HARVEY TATE⁷ RATHBONE (Ira⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born Oct. 21, 1845, in McLean County, Illinois. He served in the Second Nebraska Cavalry in the Civil War, described as five feet six inches tall, with red hair and brown eyes. He was married Oct. 24, 1874, in Deerfield, Mo., to Jennie White, born in Nov. 1855, parents unknown. They lived in Kansas and Missouri, and then settled in Manhattan, Kansas, where he had a furniture and upholstering business. Jennie died there in 1921 and he died in 1930.

CHILDREN

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SARAH, born Jan. 18, 1876; married _____ Kahl.

GEORGE C., born March 10, 1878; married **Myrtle**.

ARTHUR JAMES, born August 4, 1880; married Della E. Chapman.

OLA WEBSTER, born Sept. 11, 1883; married Carrie R. Bordner.

FRANK H., born in 1886; died in 1888.

FRED CLAYBORN, born April 4, 1889; married Maude Mishey.

ROBERT R., born June 9, 1893; married Gladys_____.

RUTH B., born March 9, 1896; married Robert Sallee.

215. IRA PEER WEBSTER⁷ RATHBONE (Ira⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born in July 1847 in McClean County, Illinois. He was married Jan. 2, 1873, in Jasper County, Mo., to Mary E. Brown, born in November 1856, parentage unknown. They lived in Jasper County for many years, but moved sometime after 1900 to LaBett County, Kansas, where Mary died before 1910 and Ira died Jan. 28, 1929.

CHILDREN

CHARLES H., born in Dec. 1873; married (?) Rhoda McCreary.

JOHN THOMAS, born in Oct. 1877; married Bessie_____.

SARAH J., born in Dec. 1879; died the next day.

EFFA M., born in May 1883; no further data.

ERNEST L., born in August 1885; married Mary O'Neal.

216. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE⁷ RATHBONE (Cornelius⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born Oct. 18, 1852, in Iowa. He was married on Dec. 21, 1873, in Linn County, Kansas, to Senoretta Chamberlain, born June 7, 1858, parentage unknown. She died March 23, 1875, and he was married again



*Napoleon B. Rathbone
(1852-1905)*

on Jan. 29, 1877, to Mildred Ann Powell, born Oct. 1, 1855, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Cooper) Powell. They left Kansas later that year with a small wagon train and settled in Idaho, first at Hailey, then at Rocky Bar, a small mining town. Over the next few years, they moved to several locations in Nebraska, frequently living in their covered wagon. Napoleon was a barber and set up shop wherever they moved. They eventually returned to Idaho, where Napoleon served as a judge in Elmore County. He died May 19, 1905, at Kooskia, Idaho, and Mildred (Milly) died Nov. 19, 1916, at Orofino, Idaho.

CHILDREN

By Senoretta

ADA ABIGAIL, born in January 1875; died in November 1875.

By Mildred

GRACE LUCINDA, born Nov. 28, 1878; married Rev. Delon L. Pearson.

EUNICE BELLE, born April 19, 1880; married Daniel Miller.

THOMAS EDMUND, born April 4, 1881; married (1) Rose Justice, and (2) Gay Lee.

HELEN BERTHILDE, born Jan. 6, 1883; married (1) Clarence W. Lyon; (2) Percival Deal, and (3) Thomas McGuire.

ROBERT MILTON, born July 22, 1886; married May Snyder.

JOHN WILLIAM, born May 18, 1888; married Nellie Pearson.

FREDERICK FRANKLIN, born Dec. 21, 1890; married Myrtle Luella Hunt.

EFFIE BEATRICE, born June 6, 1892; married (1) Fred Schuricht, and (2) Leon Oscar True.

CHARLES EARL, born Jan. 22, 1894; married Altha Bell Crab.

217. LEBBEUS GIDEON⁷ RATHBONE (Cornelius⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born April 7, 1867, in Kansas. According to one relative, he was married on Oct. 19, 1900, to his niece, Grace Rathbone (daughter of his brother Napoleon), but this seems

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highly unlikely. Lebbeus died in August 1913. He had no known children.

218. CHARLES ERNEST⁷ RATHBONE (Cornelius⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born June 20, 1874, in Greenwood, Kansas. He was married in 1912 at Boise, Idaho, to Onnie Velma Hanlon, born about 1882, parentage unknown. Relatives say that Charles was arrested for horse stealing and sentenced to be hung, but his father and brothers helped him break out of jail and he fled to Canada, living at times in Alberta and British Columbia. Nothing more is known of him or Onnie.

CHILDREN

CHARLES LEROY, born Oct. 12, 1913; no further data.

CORNELIUS EDMUND, born Aug. 12, 1916; no further data.

SAMUEL JOHN, born Sept. 4, 1922; no further data.

GEORGE DAVID, born May 20, 1925; no further data.

219. EUGENE STEPHEN⁷ RATHBONE (Cornelius⁶ Edmund⁵⁻⁴ John³⁻¹), born Sept. 19, 1878, in Greenwood, Kansas. He was married Nov. 23, 1910, in Boise, Idaho, to Lucretia Rosetta Rose, born Sept. 27, 1892, daughter of Wilburn Foster and Elizabeth (Rigby) Rose. They lived all their lives in or near Boise, where he died Feb. 17, 1951, and Lucretia died July 29, 1978.

CHILDREN

WILBURN EUGENE, born Nov. 5, 1911; married (1) Mary Cole and (2) Opal Hargrave.

EDMUND CORNELIUS, born Dec. 14, 1913; married Edith May Goff.

STEVEN ERNEST, born March 4, 1916; married Opal Vanover.

ZELDA VALLETA, born Feb. 27, 1918; married Henry Atchinson on July 22, 1935.

WALTER, born Nov. 12, 1919; died the same day.

CLARA LUCRETIA AGNES, born Jan. 3, 1921; married John Eshelman on Dec. 27, 1938.

HELEN ELIZABETH, born Feb. 11, 1923; married Earl Vanover.

LULA ROSE, born May 2, 1925; married Roger Owen on Dec. 23, 1941.

STELLA MAE, born April 19, 1926; married Joseph W. Shuter on March 2, 1945.

GEORGE FRANKLIN, born Oct. 10, 1927; died May 10, 1928.

MARVIN ARLAND, born March 1, 1929; "adopted out" at eight months.

JOSEPHINE, born Feb. 17, 1930; died Feb. 18, 1930.

VERONA VIRGINIA, born May 2, 1931; married Gerald Sherwood.

WANDA VERDEEN, born April 23, 1933; married (1) Vernon Sherwood, and (2) Ronald Hawkins.

220. HIRAM C.⁷ RATHBUN (Kenyon⁶ Paul⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born June 29, 1823, in Washington County, N.Y. He was married Feb. 27, 1845, to Mary A. Rumbold, born in Feb. 1823, in England, daughter of William and Mary (Broadous or Woodhouse) Rumbold. They lived in Easton, N.Y., where both died in 1907—Mary on April 3, his exact death date not known.

CHILDREN

MARY PERLINA, born Feb. 19, 1846; married Henry Oliver Witbeck.

WILLIAM KENYON, born Aug. 28, 1847; married Elizabeth Herrington.

ANNA SOPHIA, born March 8, 1849; died Oct. 11, 1865.

STEPHEN M., born March 10, 1851; married Sarah Walker.

LEWIS H., born June 4, 1852; married _____ Trevor.

LOIS H., born in 1854; married Eben Hay.

JENNIE M., born June 22, 1855; married William Sprague.

ALTA SARAH, born Nov. 11, 1856; died Feb. 11, 1875.

LYMAN F., born Nov. 13, 1858; died July 13, 1862.

EUNICE C., born Sept. 21, 1861; died March 21, 1863.

ALFRED E., (triplet) born March 12, 1864; married (1) Minnie Mason, and (2) Lena Kingsbury.

ALMOND (triplet), born March 12, 1864; died in infancy.

ALBERT E. (triplet), born March 12, 1864; died in infancy.

EUNICE BELLE, born May 17, 1865; married Charles H. Dixson on Nov. 18, 1885.

ANNA E., born Jan., 16, 1869; married Alfred Cornell.

221. PAUL⁷ RATHBUN (Kenyon⁶ Paul⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born March 13, 1828, in Washington County, N.Y. He was married July 3, 1851, to Mary Gifford, born July 14, 1831; daughter of Nathan and Betsey (Kenyon) Gifford. They lived in Easton, N.Y., where he died April 8, 1894, and Mary died March 19, 1896.

CHILDREN

ALLEN, born in April 1853; married Mary Emily Norton.

EMMA J., born about 1855; married (1) Edward Buckley, and (2) James Gates.

222. STEPHEN F.⁷ RATHBUN (Kenyon⁶ Paul⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born March 27, 1830, in Washington County, N.Y. He was married June 6, 1849, to Jane Hill, born in September 1834, parentage unknown. They moved in the early 1860s to Michigan. A Stephen Rathbun (possibly him) died Oct. 17, 1888, at Detroit. Jane was later married to a Doyle and was living in 1900 at Hastings, Michigan. Nothing more is known of her.

CHILDREN

SARAH M., born about 1852; married James Springer on April 6, 1869.

LORETTA A., born about 1855; possibly died young.

HIRAM PERRY, born in 1858; died in 1859.

ESTELLE, born June 24, 1859; died sometime after 1910 in Hardin County, Iowa. She was a school teacher.

223. JOHN LEWIS⁷ RATHBUN (Elias⁶⁻⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born Jan. 23, 1820, at Exeter, R.I. Nothing is known of his life. He died June 19, 1898, at Hopkinton, R.I.

224. ALBERT MINER⁷ RATHBUN (Elias⁶⁻⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born Nov. 29, 1830, at Voluntown, Conn. He was married Oct. 13, 1850, to Anna Kelly, born about 1831, parentage unknown. They were divorced in 1864 after bitter court proceedings. He charged her with adultery and desertion, and she charged him with desertion, cruelty and misconduct. He enlisted in the 26th Conn. Infantry and served a short time during the later years of the Civil War. On Nov. 29, 1864, he was married to Mary S. Greene, born Nov. 29, 1842, daughter of ____ and Matilda Kelly. Mary died Nov. 14, 1878, at Voluntown, and he was then married July 13, 1879, to Rhoda Browning, born about 1855, daughter of Abijah and Frances (Clark) Browning. Albert died August 10, 1911, at Hope Valley, R.I. described as a mill overseer. Rhoda's death date is not known.

CHILDREN

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By Anna

?ANNIE, born about 1851; (an Annie Rathbun, aged 40, was living with Albert in 1900, when he was 70, but this could be either a daughter or a fourth and younger wife).

?ALBERT, born about 1855; died young? He appears in the 1860 census aged five, living with a Sullivan family in Canterbury, Conn.

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225. ELIAS T.⁷ RATHBUN (Elias⁶⁻⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born about 1838 in Voluntown, Conn. He was married May 29, 1859, at Norwich, Conn., to Ellen L. King, born in Nov. 1832, parentage unknown. Elias died two years later on August 21, 1861, apparently without children, and she may be the Ellen Rathbun who later married Paul Avery. **However, she appears as Ellen L. Rathbun in the 1900 census at Norwich.** Nothing more is known of her.

226. EDWIN L.⁷ RATHBUN (Elijah⁶ Elias⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born in July 1839/40 at Voluntown, Conn. He was married March 7, 1861, at Exeter, R.I., to Rhoda Ann Franklin, born about 1846, daughter of John and Phoebe (Austin) Franklin. She died by 1878. He was married Sept. 14, 1878, at Groton, Conn., to Venella E. Frink, a widow, born about 1850, parentage unknown. Edwin was called a weaver at his first marriage but was described as a machinist in the 1881 Norwich directory. He died in 1920 at Yantic, Conn. Venella died in 1927.

CHILDREN

By Rhoda

FRANKLIN E., born in July 1863; married Lila Johnson.

SON, name unknown, born Sept. 3, 1865.

EDWARD L., born July 10, 1867; alive in 1900, no known marriage.

227. JOHN W.⁷ RATHBUN (Elijah⁶ Elias⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born Feb. 20, 1842, at Stafford, Conn. He was married June 3, 1871, to Angie H. Duncan, born about 1848, who died three years later on Dec. 15, 1874. He was married again on Sept. 23, 1882, to Lucy Pratt, born Nov. 15, 1860, daughter of Willard and Susan Pratt. They moved to Mansfield, Mass., where Lucy died Jan. 15, 1901. He died Nov. 24, 1911, at Taunton, Mass. There were no known children.

228. CHARLES WEEDEN⁷ RATHBUN (Elijah⁶ Elias⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born May 20, 1848, at Griswold, Conn. He was married July 27, 1867, at Coventry, R.I., to Phoebe A. (Briggs) Tyler, daughter of Warren and Desire (Brown) Briggs, and widow of a Tyler. They moved to Mansfield, Mass., where Phoebe died July 28, 1914, and Charles died April 15, 1916.

CHILDREN

GEORGE E., born in Feb. 1869; married Jennie Ingram.

JOHN WEEDEN, born Aug. 31, 1871; married Henrietta Tozier.

HERBERT ALLEN, born June 9, 1874; married Sarah M. Paulson.

HIRAM E., born in Dec. 1876; married Nellie ____.

FRANK N., born July 6, 1878; married (1) Mable Hanscomb, and (2) Bertha Dodge.

229. HIRAM⁷ RATHBUN (Elijah⁶ Elias⁵ Joshua⁴ John³⁻¹), born Oct. 14, 1852, in Hopeville, Conn. He was married about 1882 to Belle E. Needham, born Oct. 6, 1848, daughter of Roswell and Calista (Belcher) Needham. She died Dec. 22, 1884, at Staffordville, Conn. He was married again on Dec. 19, 1894, at Staffordville, to Amy E. Wallbridge, born June 2, 1865, daughter of Leander and Emelia (Baker) Wallbridge. Hiram died August 10, 1914, at Newburg, Mass. Amy died sometime after 1900.

CHILD

HAROLD ELIJAH, born May 26, 1905; no further data.

Sarah Almira Page, widow of Mason Brown⁶ Rathbun (Hubbard⁵ Job⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹), was born Sept. 3, 1815, and died Feb. 20, 1913, not in 1912 as reported in our Historian of April 1981, page 28. Our thanks to Carol Jeanne Rathbun.

Daniel C. Rathbun (People July 1994) is the son of Daniel¹¹ Rathbun (Robert¹⁰ Fred⁹⁻⁸ Edward⁷ Charles⁶ Joshua⁵ Amos⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). Debbie Rathbun (same page) is probably his sister. Our thanks to Dr. Earl Antes.

In our Spring 1995 Historian (page 13), we made two errors in the children of George Clinton⁷ Rathbun. His son George married Ida Lulu Woody (not Wooley), and his son Henry died May 16, 1906, not 1896. Our thanks to Roy and Anna May Rathbun.



These recently discovered pictures are of two family members who were covered in our Historian of April 1988. Charles Edward Rathbone (1818-1901) at left was the son of Samuel⁵ Rathbone (John⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). At right is Charles' youngest son, Edward Clary Rathbone (1865-1938), who became a physician (Historian of January 1986). Rob Rathbun obtained copies of the photos, which were taken about 1870 in Buffalo, N.Y.



Our members Roy and Anna May Rathbun celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on May 3, 1995. Roy is the son of George⁸ Rathbun (George⁷ Gideon⁶ Allen⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

Births

BORN—May 5, 1995, Andrew Mark Rathbun, son of Scott A. and Kathy Rathbun of Pawcatuck, Conn., and grandson of our member David E.¹¹ Rathbun (Lawrence¹⁰ Everett⁹ Jerome⁸ Nathan⁷ Robert⁶ John⁵⁻⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

BORN—Nov. 8, 1994, Miriam Ann Rathbun, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Arthur Rathbun of Irwin, Pa., and granddaughter of our members, Narda and Arthur¹⁰ Rathbun (Arthur⁹ Ira⁸ Elisha⁷ Griswold⁶ Elisha⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹).

BORN—March 20, 1995, Aron DeSean Mayo, son of Arthur and Shelly Mayo and great-grandson of our member Patti Rathbun Garrett, who is the daughter of William⁹ Rathbun (Daniel⁸ William⁷ Daniel⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

BORN—August 3, 1995, Breanna and Shannon Doyal, twin daughters of Corey and Misty Dooley Doyal, and granddaughters of our member Dorothy Doyal. Dorothy is the daughter of the late Harry⁹ Rathbun (Ernest⁸ Segester⁷ Isaac⁶ Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

BORN—April 22, 1995, Christine Louise Adorno, daughter of Christopher and Marjorie (Rathbun) Adorno of Pittsfield, Mass. Marjorie is the daughter of our member Henry¹¹ Rathbun (Henry¹⁰⁻⁹ Charles⁸ William⁷ Alfred⁶ Wait⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

DIED—April 17, 1995, Pansy Arrowood Rathbone, 98, of Pensacola, Florida. She was the widow of Welzie Commodore Rathbone (1891-1977) of the North Carolina Rathbones whose ancestry we have been unable to trace. She and her twin sister Minnie were listed in the 1994 Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest living twins. Her sister is still living.

Obituaries

DIED—July 19, 1995, Henry Howe Rathbun, 80, at Augusta, Ga. He was the son of Henry⁹ Rathbun (Charles⁸ William⁷ Alfred⁶ Wait⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). A graduate of Colgate University, he was a native of New York but had lived in Georgia since 1978. He was a charter member of our Association. Survivors include three sons, Henry, Charles and Robert, all members of our Association; two sisters, Edith Roberts and Estelle Innocent; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

DIED—March 20, 1995, William H. Rathbun, 69, of Topeka, Kansas. He was the son of William⁹ Rathbun (Daniel⁸ William⁷ Daniel⁶ William⁵ Daniel⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He served in the Army during World War II and in the Navy during the Korean War. He is survived by his mother, Vera M. Rathbun; a son, Daniel Rathbun, a daughter, Linda Woods; four sisters, Patti Garrett, Donna Bender (both members of our Association), Eula Barger and Lois Lawrence; a brother, Bruce, a member of our Association, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

DIED—April 17, 1995, Bruce L. Rathbun, 64, at Pensacola, Florida. He was the son of Charles¹⁰ Rathbun (Clark⁹ Charles⁸ Thomas⁷ Isaac⁶ Daniel⁵ Valentine⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He served in the Army during the Korean War and was severely wounded. He later became a commander in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is survived by his former wife Lois, and second wife Audry; a son, Bruce Mark Rathbun, a member of our Association; two brothers, Carl and Philip, and two grandsons.

DIED—May 30, 1995, Ruby A. McCarthy, 87, at Bangor Maine. She was the mother of our member Carole Jeanne Rathbun, wife of Allan¹⁰ Rathbun (Frederick⁹ Rowland⁸⁻⁷ Joshua⁶ Acors⁵ Joshua⁴⁻³ John²⁻¹) of Palm Bay, Fla.

DIED—April 21, 1995, John Hallett Rathbun, 76, at Tifton, Georgia. He was the son of John Kramer⁸ Rathbun (Hallett⁷ Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). He was an Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Lillie May; seven sons, John, David, Jerry, Ronald, William, Randy and Donald; three daughters, Jeannette Smith, Darleen Bowers and Sandra Paramore; five sisters, Reba Reeves and Ann Paulk, both members of our Association; Dixie Fountain, Jean Troup and Sally Morris; three brothers, Howell and Thomas Rathbun and Manuel Wheelles; 26 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. Raymond Jackson Smith, husband of his daughter Jeannette, died May 2, less than two weeks later.

DIED—May 27, 1995, Alice Wiley, 85, of Fitzgerald, Georgia. She was the widow of J.O. Wiley and the daughter of Arthur E. Carter and Blanche⁸ Rathbun (Hallett⁷ Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹). She is survived by a son, William T. Rathbun; daughters, Shirley Ann Walker, Patsy Jo Hall and Hallett L. Allison; sisters, Susie Carter Baston, a member of our Association; Gussie Harrell, and Helen Davis; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

DIED—July 5, 1995, Frank Ellsworth Lawrence, 101, of Tallmadge, Ohio. He was the grandson of Roswell Rathbun Lawrence, a son of Levi Lawrence and Alta Almira⁶ Rathbun (Solomon⁵ Job⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹). He is survived by a son, Frank C. Lawrence; a daughter, Marjorie Henninge, a member of our Association; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. He served with the American Army in France during World War I and had lived in Tallmadge since 1899. He was the unofficial town historian, was on the school board, served as president of the local historical society for 14 years, and wrote a town history which was published in 1984.

DIED—July 24, 1995, at Swindon, England, Arthur H.C. Roberts, 77, the father of Hazel J. Rathbun and father-in-law of Frank H. Rathbun, editor of the Historian. He was a retired Group Captain in Britain's Royal Air Force, where he served for 35 years. During World War II, he was decorated twice for his role in bombing missions over Germany. After the War, he was named to the Order of the British Empire, one of England's highest honors, for his role in planning and carrying out the Berlin Airlift in 1952. In addition to Hazel, he is survived by his wife Aileen; a daughter Diane Brennan, and two granddaughters, Colette Carson and Lisa Rouse.

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DIED—November 30, 1994, Veara Viola (Rathbun) Stage, 94, at Richland, Washington. She was the widow of Jesse Stage and daughter of Herbert⁸ Rathbun (William⁷ Gideon⁶ Job⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻¹). She is survived by her daughter, Darlene Boyle, a member of our Association; a son, Michael D. Stage, and numerous grandchildren.

DIED—October 17, 1995, Claire F. Lavine, 63, of Warwick, R.I. . She was the wife of Timothy D. Lavine and daughter of George⁸ Rathbun (James⁷ Royal⁶ Rodney⁵ Simeon⁴ Benjamin³ Joseph² John¹). She is survived by her husband; a daughter Jennifer, four brothers, George, Donald, David and John Rathbun, and two sisters, Carole A. Gore and Marguerite Hardisty.

DIED—March 28, 1995, at Santa Barbara, Cal., Lois Lee Rathbun, 65. She was an active worker for the rights of disabled persons and wrote articles for numerous publications. She was named a Distinguished Disabled Citizen last year. Miss Rathbun was born Feb. 10, 1930, in Missouri. We do not know her ancestry. Can anybody help?

People

KRISTIN B. RATHBUN and William F. Passero Jr., both of Uncasville, Conn., were married May 13, 1995. Kristin is the daughter of Mrs. Lois Rathbun and the late Herbert W.⁹ Rathbun (Herbert⁸ Warren⁷ Calvin⁶ Samuel⁵ Elijah⁴ Samuel³⁻² John¹).

BARBARA JEANNE ADAMS and Charles J. Baldwin were married June 7, 1995, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Barbara is the daughter of our members Mr. and Mrs. K. Haybron Adams. Haybron is the son of William Payne Haybron and Martha Ann⁸ Rathburn (John⁷ Ruel⁶ David⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻¹).

STEVE RATHBUN has been promoted to major in the United States Army. Major Rathbun is an executive officer at Fort McClellan, Alabama. A 1980 graduate of the University of Georgia, he is the son of William Rathbun and grandson of the late Alice Rathbun Wiley. Alice (who died May 27, see obituaries), was the daughter of Arthur Carter and Blanche⁸ Rathbun (Hallett⁷ Thomas⁶⁻⁵ John⁴ Samuel³ Thomas² John¹).

ROBIN RATHBUN and Charles Edward Bradley Jr. were married September 16, 1995, at Warner Robins, Ga. Robin is the daughter of our member Charles¹¹ Rathbun (Henry¹⁰⁻⁹ Charles⁸ William⁷ Alfred⁶ Wait⁵⁻⁴ Joshua³ John²⁻¹).

RONALD RATHBUN of Springfield, Mo., attended the American National Insurance Company's marketing conference May 4-11 in Rome, Italy. He was accompanied by his wife. Rathbun's sales division led the company in operating gains in 1994, and in three of the past four years. He is the son of Paul⁹ Rathbun (Frederick⁸ William⁷ John⁶ Perry⁵ Edmund⁴ John³⁻²⁻¹).

ANGELA MARIE RATHBUN and Jackie Paul Bowen were married August 20, 1994, at Ellsworth, Kansas. We do not know Angela's identity.

Our New Members

June Colbert
Lewiston, Idaho

Linda Colbert
Hawthorne, Calif.

Robert Harvey
St. Johnsville, N.Y.

Frederick C. J. Rathbun
Conox, Canada

Jerry D. Rathbun
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Evelyn J. Sailer
Williamsburg, Va.

Mary Ellen Smith
Lakewood, Calif.

Paul V. and Marisu Terry
Gold Beach, Oregon

Beth (Rathbun) Tong
Annandale, Va.

Betty Howard Troth
Huntsville, Alabama

WILLIAM RATHBONE the tenth has joined the board of directors of Rathbone Brothers in Liverpool, England, founded in 1742 by the first William Rathbone (See our Historian of Oct. 1984). The last William Rathbone on the board (William the seventh) retired in 1898. William the tenth has a 20-year-old son named William!

ROBERT RATHBUN has lost his job as radio announcer for the Detroit Tigers baseball team. Robert and Rick Rizza were hired four years ago to replace Ernie Harwell, one of the most popular announcers in Tiger history. It was reported that Rathbun and Rizza were never "forgiven" by Tiger fans and sports media for replacing the legendary Harwell. Rathbun is the son of Robert¹⁰ Rathbun (Amos⁹ Charles⁸ Amos⁷ Newman⁶ Jonathan⁵ John⁴⁻¹).

JOHN RATHBUN has been elected president of the Asphalt Recycling and Reclamation Association, a group of about 85 contractors, manufacturers and suppliers from North America and Europe. Rathbun is vice-president of Cutler Repaving Inc. of Lawrence, Kansas, and a 1977 journalism graduate of Kansas University. We do not know his identity. Can anyone help?

STEVE RATHBUN of Salt Lake City was the "centerfold" in the March 1995 issue of the Hang Gliding Magazine. Steve wrote a four-page article on his 3,000-foot parachute fall in Utah last September. He had a problem during the landing and suffered a broken arm. Steve is the son of our members Janet and Grove¹¹ Rathbun (Grove¹⁰⁻⁹ Heman⁸ Nathaniel⁷ Gideon⁶ Paris⁵ Gideon⁴ John³⁻¹).

GRANT MISBACH would like to correspond with other descendants of Joseph⁵ Rathbun (Jonathan⁴ John³⁻¹) and Olive Pearson. He would like to cooperate in research on Olive Pearson's ancestry. Grant's address is 3484 North Canyon Road, Provo, Utah 84604.

RICHARD LEE RATHBUN and Karen Marie Colvin were married April 16, 1994, at Brandon, Vt. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rathbun of Salisbury Center, N.Y. We do not know their identity.

MARK RATHBUN and Julie Anderson were married August 6, 1994, in Walla Walla, Washington. He is the son of Milton and Gayle Rathbun. We do not know their identity.