



# THE LOUNSBURY TREE

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Queries, Queries, Queries! Can you help with some? They keep coming in. Please send your responses or requests to Marie Lounsbury, Saw Mill Road, East Berne, N.Y. 12059 We will try to answer them and use others as space and time allows.

Mildred D'Ambrosia, 25 Pleasant Ave., North Reading, MA 01864 wants to know if any Lounsbury researcher discovered on what ship Richard came to America. Is there anyone who can document the "Spotted Cow" theory?

Mrs. Richard L. Horton, 70 Plymouth Rd. White Plains, NY 10603 is seeking information on her husband's Lounsbury connection. His grandfather's name is William Oscar Horton, b.20 June 1869 in Hortonville, NY, the son of Charles Horton and Sarah Lounsbury. Brothers and sisters: Charles, Ida, Ella. Pat adds that she is the secretary of the Westchester Genealogical Society and would be willing to assist anyone needing a contact in the Westchester area.

Jack H. Lounsbury, Box 865 Madison Coll. Branch, Madison TN 37116, found an address: Willy Ames Inc., 5113 Lounsbury Drive, P.O.Box 490, Dayton, OH 45417. He wonders if anyone knows why a street in Dayton is named after a Lounsbury.

Helen A. Rimmell McCoy, c/o Helen Fisher, 4728 E. Cherokee Rd. Stockton, CA 95205 is seeking further data on her mother, Theresa Lounsbury Rimmell.

Hazel Van Alstyne, 306 Roundtree Court, Sacramento, CA 95831 writes that she and her cousin Phyllis Walters of Battle Creek, MI believe they have their connection- Tamar<sup>4</sup>, Michael<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>. They wish to thank all those who responded to their query.

In a similar vein, Bonnie Gryboski, 29 South Ridge Rd. Farmington, CT 06032 would appreciate being contacted by anyone researching Tamar Lounsbury, d.1832, wife of Johannes/John Sloat and mother of Mehitable. Tamar buried in Cayuga County, NY. She seeks evidence of Tamar's parentage/ancestry and is willing to pay a reasonable fee for the documentation. Note: The spelling of Lounsbury above may be with an 'ie' on the end. The date of death is 6 September 1832.

Louise M. Briggs, P.O. Box 4011, Westbrookville, NY 12785 shared her descent from Mahala Jane Lounsbury, dau. of Jeremiah (Stephen, Nehemiah, Michael, Richard). She has a fine oil painting of Mahala Jane and her husband John Jacob Co/ape. She would appreciate any supplementary data on her line. She heard about the "Tree" from Joan Lounsbury Dunn, Wurtsboro, NY when as her patient, it came to their attention that they shared Lounsbury roots.

Charles Lounsbury would like information on W.B.Lounsbury, owner of a fire insurance company in 1869. He was an agent in Chicago for Springfield Fire and Marine as taken from an issue of Argus which appears in November 1882, reprinted in the American Agency Bulletin, Vol.30, No. 42.

Judith A. Shappee, P.O. Box AB, Superior, AZ 85273 is seeking information about Jemima Lounsbury, b. 1794, married David Powers Shappee 18 Nov. 1816, probably in Elmira, NY. She died 9 May 1871. Also, information about her parents, James Lounsbury and Rebecca Scofield. They came from Orange County, NY to Chemung County.

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Queries continued from page 1- Judith A. Shappee request.

Rebecca died 17 Aug. 1832. Her family has a book written by Jemima's brother, Thomas Lounsbury, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Ovid, NY. The book is titled The Touchstone of Truth, Applied to Modern Abolotion, published in 1844.

Albert R. Lounsbury, 212 Nelson Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 would like any information about Charles S. Lounsbury who was murdered in Kosciusko, MS on 12 Feb. 1856. He was Editor and Proprietor of the Kosciusko Chronicle at the time of his death. Albert has a copy of the Chronicle, dated 16 Feb. 1856, which gives an account of his death. A resolution adopted by the I.O.O.F. of which Charles was a member, designated that a copy be sent to all relatives. The paper which was given to Albert following his mother's death, has D.T. Lounsbury written at the top. David T. was Albert's great grandfather. Inquiry to the current newspaper editor (not the Chronicle which is no longer published) brought no helpful information. The relation of David T. Lounsbury to Charles S. Lounsbury is being sought and would be appreciated.

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News Notes

Congratulations to Kieth and Ruby Lounsbury of Huron SD, the grandparents of Erica Rose Frank who was born 14 Oct. 1984 to their daughter, Lois Ann and her husband, Michael Frank, who also lives in Huron, SD.

Bea Clark, 45 Cloverdale Rd., Rochester, NY 14616 is still hard at work on genealogy. She reports that she worked on our project from January through April and has completed two of the notebooks with sixteen to go. She has recently started her own business, so less time to devote to the project. Bea is an excellent person for you to contact with queries.

Jim Lounsbury, formerly newscasting in N.Y.C., writes, "I am now living in Washington, D.C. The main UPI operation moved here from New York a year and a half ago. Our headquarters building is about four blocks from the White House. I'm still newscasting for UPI Radio Network. I'm enjoying the Washington area...a nice change from the heart of New York City.

We had another fine Lounsbury-Lounsberry reunion in Iowa again on the second Sunday in June. The longest distance traveler this

time was Lloyd Lounsbury and his wife, Edith, of Seattle, Washington. Jim's new address is 8484 16th Street, Apt. 812, Silver Springs, MD 20190.

Mildred D'Ambrosio, No. Reading, MA write to share that her mother, "must be one of a very few Lounsburys of her generation. She has 24 greatchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren (they're in Georgia and South Carolina). She's in surprising good health, reads and even writes occasionally and is generally alert about family news. She is 97 and has 49 descendants in all."

Ann Lounsbury Rampke, P.O. Box 571, Molalla, OR 97038 that she has " a shoebox full of the personal papers, letters and old pictures of "Cappy" Melvin J. (Jim) Lounsbury. His mother's name was Isabel and she sold a product in Washington state called Isabel Lounsbury's Golden Salve. One of the pictures has written on the back Uncle Joshua--Grandpa and another picture which looks like a Civil War soldier has written on it Uncle Melvin. He was born about 1873 and died in Pasadena, CA in 1956. He was a sea captain in the early part of this century. I would like to return these items to someone of his family."

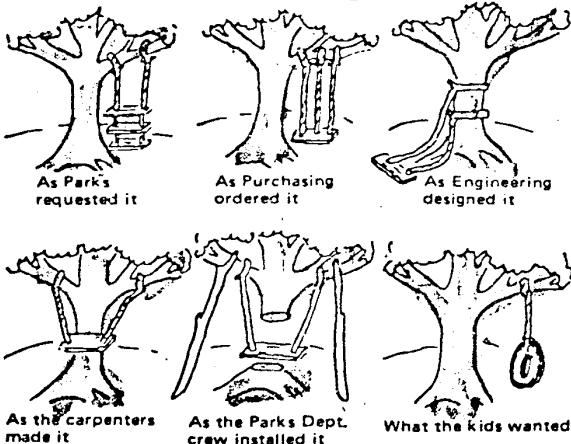
News Notes continued-

Floyd Lounsbury, 52 Hells-trom Rd., E. Haven, CT 06512 shared a postcard of Whitby Abbey and wrote, " You may remember Ray Lounsbury's slides and his comments about the history of this place. There were actually two abbeys on the site. The first was founded in 657 and was the location of the Whitby Synod of 664 at which the rules were determined by which the date of Easter would henceforth be set in the Western Church. That one was destroyed a century later by invading Danes. Then it was rebuilt larger. That one was consigned to ruin by Henry VIII... Ray has something about Whitby on pages 16 and 17 of his booklet. He thinks this must be the place where our ancestor came from. It is also where Captain Cook came from. He was the one who made the great voyages of discovery in the South Pacific. Ed. note: Ray spoke to the Lounsbury (ery) (erry) 1st reunion in Westerlo, NY, 1982. He still has some of his books for sale-- P.O. Box 624, Hartwell, GA 30643.

Helen and Harold Hennessy, MD, 616 Sheridan Rd., 4B Highwood, IL 60040, a new granddaughter b. 14 Sept. 84- Rachael Elizabeth Hennessy. Congratulations!

The illustration below does not have much to do with the type of family tree this newsletter is concerned with, but it is worth a laugh.

**THE SWING**



From the pages of time

(Source: Vona E. Smith, 2288 Ga-leanne, Coquitlam, B.C. , V3K 2Y8 Canada.)

Norfolk County (Ont) Marriage Records, 1795-1870. Published by the Norfolk Historical Society, Simcoe Ont, 1979, edited by Wm. R. Yeager. Abbreviated abstracts.

p.166- Canadian Baptist Newspaper- Amos S. Lounsbury, Nicholas, NY, m. Miss Caroline Robinson Townsend on 10 Jan. 1860 "on the 10th instant" in issue of 19 Jan. 1860 by Rev. A. Sleght.

p. 294- Norfolk County Marriage Register, 1858-69- Amos L. Lounsbury, 28, r. State of New York, b. Nev (? low), New York, s/o Platt and Sarah Lounsbury m. Caroline Robinson, 23. r & b. Townsend d/o George and Mary A. Robinson on 10 Jan. 1860 by Rev. Aaron Sleght, Junior, Baptist Church, Waterford. Witnesses Ellen Lanning, Lewis Taylor.

p. 296- Written up by Rev. Sleght in a repetition of 11 Marriages.

p. 260- Oxford County Marriage Reg. 1858-69. Franklin E. Jenne, Freeman, 22, r. Burford, Ontario b. Townsend, Ont. s/o Franklin and Abigail Jenne m. Eliza J. Lounsbury, Spinster, 18. r. & b. Burford, Ont. d/o John and Margaret Lounsbury ; on 2 May 1869 by Rev. I.G. Mosher (?) W. B. Church. Witnesses Samuel and Sarah Lounsbury.

p. 487- Oxford County Vital Statistics Records 1869- 1873. William Griffin, 24, r & b. Houghton, farmer s/o David and Maria (?) Md. Armenche (?) Lounsbury 18, r. Norwich, b. Houghton, d/o Sylvester and Servilla on 19 Oct. 1869 in Norwich.

( Ed. note: Some of the above was difficult to transcribe and any errors would be corrected if notified.)

ED. NOTE : THE ARTICLE BELOW WAS SUBMITTED BY JACK LOUNSBURY,  
THE SPEAKER AT THE EVENT.

## SHERMAN LOUNSBURY REUNION

On the weekend of August 3 and 4, many of the descendants of James Sherman Lounsbury gathered at the home of his granddaughter Joyce (Stewart) Wickett in Medway, Massachusetts. Some hadn't seen each other in several years while others had never met. There was ample time to renew old acquaintances and to reminisce. Jack Lounsbury gave a short talk on the Lounsbury genealogy, tracing the family line from Yorkshire, England, via colonial New York to New Brunswick, Canada, and finally to New England. Sherman was born in Prosser Brook, New Brunswick, on April 8, 1888. As a young man he immigrated to the U.S. and married Laura Upton Dunham of Salem, Massachusetts, on September 30, 1911. They had five children of whom only three are still living. Sherman became a minister and held pastorates in New England, New York, and the Maritimes. He died on July 28, 1947, in Herman, Maine, and would have been 97 years old were he still alive. Those attending the reunion were as follows: Children: Alton and Luella\* (Lounsbury) Stewart of Largo, FL; Stewart and Muriel\* (Lounsbury) Langille of Spring Hill, FL; Grandchildren: Henry and Joyce\* (Stewart) Wickett of Medway, MA; Jack\* Lounsbury of Madison, TN; Linda\* (Langille) Carney of Westford, MA; Muriel\* (Stewart) Ouellette of Brewer, ME; Tom and Sharon\* (Stewart) Tucker of S. Portland, ME; David\* and Linda Stewart of Somersworth, NH; Greatgrandchildren: Michael\* Stewart of Thorndike, ME; Sandra\* Stewart of Somersworth, ME; Khara\* Lounsbury of Madison, TN; Lee\* and Steve\* Wickett of Medway, MA; Pam\* Tucker and friend, Mark, of S. Portland, ME; Jay\* Ouellette of Brewer, ME; Renee\* and Jeff\* Veillette and friend, Tami Jordon, of Brewer, ME; Darlene\* (Veillette) and Michael Cameron of Bangor, ME; Matthew\* and Valarie\* Sampson with their father, Tony, of Largo, FL; Greatgreatgrandchild: Leah Rae\* Cameron of Brewer, ME.

## The Inside Word

*Marie & Janet*

This news letter has been long in coming and we regret it. Special thanks go to Al Lounsbury, 212 Nelson Ave., Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12865 who typed and laid out this issue. Future items for inclusion should be sent to Al. Stamped Envelopes for future issues should continue to come to Marie Lounsbury, Sawmill Rd., E. Berne, N.Y. 12059. Thanks also to John Freund for his untiring research and comments. We agree John that some of the lineage submitted to the tree is inaccurate. However, we do not validate the material. We agree that in some cases errors can be perpetuated. Many have written to ask how Janet Berkhofer our July Reunion Secretary is progressing. At present she continues under treatment at St. Peter's Hospital, New Scotland Av., Albany, N.Y. Rm. 3214. Cards would be appreciated. We are all grieved to hear of the death of Wallace Lounsbury's wife and of the serious injuries which he and his son incurred while motoring to Myrtle Beach from their Schoharie, N.Y. home.