Dear L Family Relatives,

I am quite sure some of you have been wondering when that next issue of the newsletter will be coming. When will we get a report on the Reunion in Bolivar? What has happened to the editor? The editor has been wondering when he would ever find time to finish it. Well, I made it and I am sorry for the delay—just too busy with many other more urgent things. As much as I enjoy doing The L Tree, there are many times I have to put it aside.

This issue is mostly about the reunion; some other usual features are not included. They will have to wait for the spring issue. The postage for this newsletter is being paid from the reunion account. It was discussed between the editor and Corabelle Lounsberry, with a decision to enclose the pictures in the newsletter instead of a separate mailing, and cover the postage for both from the reunion account which is still open. That will help the editor with mailing this issue which costs 75 cents, more for the Canadian mailing.

The newsletter is being mailed in an envelope to avoid the problem of torn newsletters with just the outside page being received, or returned marked "damaged in the mail." It is very possible that some of you never received the newsletter, and said nothing about it.

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See last page for renewal information. Your subscription expires September '93.
THE PLACE: Bolivar Firemen's Club was an ideal facility for the reunion. Note the welcome sign which was Downtown at the firehouse. In addition to the large dining room upstairs and an equally spacious room downstairs, the patio and deck were used extensively. The view was spectacular during a sunny weekend. Lots of parking.

Corabelle Lounsberry coordinated the registration with Marie Lounsberry, Gertrude Dennis and Betty Rossman assisting along with others helping out now and then. THANKS TO ALL!!!

The rental for the hall for the weekend was $300-a real bargain for such a great facility. The registration fee helped pay that expense as well as some other expenses.

All weekend there were people all over the place. Notice the spacious lawn for play. Thanks to Karen Bates for keeping the children happy.
On Saturday evening, the group celebrated what would have been Henry Lounsberry's 309th birthday. He was a son of Richard and Elizabeth Lounsberry. Thanks to Mary Steeys, Interlaken, NY, niece of Corabelle and Alton Lounsberry, for making the cakes -- more than enough for the entire crowd, about 220 for that meal. Please excuse the placement of the picture at the right, part of the group there for one of the meals.

Some ate in the dining room, some downstairs, and some outside. It was a happy, well-fed family all weekend. We are grateful to all of the groups who provided the meals: the Bolivar Firemen for the Friday Fish Fry supper (super delicious and so much food). The local Lounsberys for the Saturday lunch which was another bountiful table of food. On Saturday for dinner, there was a buffet, really a banquet of food prepared and served by the Scio Church of Christ. continued next page...
Another time to overeat! Sunday's leisurely breakfast was prepared and served by the Scio Lion's Club— all you wanted to eat once again. Nobody should have gone away hungry at any meal. That's a great accomplishment when serving anywhere from 150 to 225 arriving at various times. So many people were involved in providing meals that it would be next to impossible to mention everyone. Many thanks to all. A special thanks to Corabelle Lounsberry for making contact and coordinating the meal planning as well as being there every minute to see that things went well. It was a lot of hard work. And, she had a wonderful team.

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REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE REUNION

The wonderful story at the right by Bob Lounsberry is enough to make all the planning for the reunion, and the actual event most worthwhile. It's a great story Bob. Thanks for giving permission to use it in the newsletter. Ed. Note: Bob and Darla are the parents of the youngest one at the reunion: Sophie Royce Lounsberry, 2 months. They are from Mt. Morris, NY. If you wish to contact Bob, note the address at the end of the story.

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PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES

The pictures in the newsletter are all numbered. None are identified completely. Just not enough time to get the identification, especially of the larger groups at the time. Some of the pictures have a caption of the family name, etc. If someone in each picture will send an identification for that family or group, I will try to include that information in a subsequent issue. A. Lounsberry

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Writer finds his family in strangers

I only met my grandfather once, late at night, when I was young.

He laughed loud, in my uncle's kitchen, and gave me a Coca-Cola. That was at a family reunion. On a weekend in August, about 25 years ago.

It was a distant family, given to grudges and divisions, and now some of us are estranged. Cousins who were childhood playmates have grown into separate and foreign lives.

We don't write, don't call, don't visit.

The American family, circa 1993. Maybe I was different, the illegitimate son of an illegitimate son, and maybe we had more than our share of divorce and alcohol and distance. And maybe that left less of a feeling of connection, more of a sense of isolation. Less of an allegiance to the family, more of a fixation on self.

Or maybe that's not so different. Maybe you're the same.

No ties, no heritage, no traditions. Just a job and a mortgage and in 50 years we'll be dead. Dead and forgotten, with little tie to the future or the past.

But that can change, on weekends in August, at family reunions. At least it did for me. At a strange kind of reunion, with people I'd never met, in a place I'd never been.

Al Lounsberry wrote in the spring. He lives near Albany. His newsletter said he and a woman named Corabelle Lounsberry were planning a get-together. It was for the descendants of Richard Lounsberry, a little English kid who came to America in 1643.

The Bolivar Firemen's Club is on a hill in Allegany County, tucked in a little valley with horseshoe pits and an old alarm bell. Almost 250 people came, from 18 states and two provinces. We signed a book and got name tags and were turned loose on one another.

John Freund was the expert. He lives in Victor and for 10 years, tracing his wife's genealogy, he has cataloged Lounsberries — in all their variant spellings. He and his computer have more than 300 pages of fine print. He had me 10 generations back to Richard, and two generations before that.

We all had that in common. It's good to have something in common. Even with strangers.

Though they weren't strangers long. Lynn and Kathy Lounsberry were easy to know. They live in Henrietta and were friendly and have sons in the service.

Rhonda Kouterek is the Methodist minister in Newark. Her maiden name was Lounsberry and she had the gentlest smile. Thelma Reed — born a Lounsberry — sends husband Art out every morning to buy the Democrat and Chronicle in Scio, Allegany County. Their granddaughter, Vanessa, sang a country song in the talent show.

Jim Lounsberry — a former anchor with UPI radio news — was the star. Like the Revolutionary War guys and the long-dead Col. Clement Lounsberry. He was the newsman who broke the Custer massacre story.

I felt close to all of them. Living and dead. And that's priceless. This started with my grandfather, and that's how it ends.

Albert Lounsberry, from the Steuben County town of Greenwood, said my grandfather quit semi-pro baseball after two months because he couldn't tolerate anybody telling him what pitches to throw. Milo Lounsberry of Scio remembered his cousin once walking the streets of Wellsville, handing out hot dogs to strangers. Trudy Lounsberry, visiting from Texas, said he loved to dance.

Their memories are now my memories. Their families are now my family.

In a small but important way, the world is now a less solitary endeavor.

Wish you, and your family, the same good fortune. Give Bob Lounsberry story ideas at (716) 258-2557 or 55 Exchange Blvd., Rochester 14614. Read him Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

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Bob Lounsberry

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Jim Lounsberry continued from p. 4

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THINGS TO DO: Genealogy information (many brought some); crafts and memorabilia (with Janette Lounsberry and Gertrude "Trudy" Lonsberry making sales); just sitting and talking; exhibits (Charles Lounsberry looking on), and computer expert "Bill" MacDonald.
The Reunion Committee. The names are listed on page 10.

NAME TAGS
William "Bill" MacDon-ald of Langton, Ontario (pictured in photo 12) provided name tags for each person, the size of this bordered area. Each one had the reunion logo, the person's name and where he/she was from. The tags may have come from Dave or Tim Lounsbury, Tioga Center area Ls. Thanks to all who provided the attractive name tags. They were great!!

MEAL TICKETS

Thanks to Corabelle and Alton Lounsberry for arranging to have meal tickets available for registration. Imagine how many plates, cups, silver, napkins had to be purchased for all the meals. We always had enough. Many, many thanks to them and all others who helped with those wonderful meals.

1993 "L" Reunion

Fri., August 13, 5-7 pm - FISH FRY: $5.50
By the Bolivar Firemen

Sat., August 14, 7 pm - BUFFET: $5.00
By the Scio Church of Christ

Sun., August 15, 9-10 am - BREAKFAST: $4.00
By the Scio Lions Club

The local Lounsberrys preparing lunch on Saturday. Corabelle is third from the left.
The editor needs help on this one. The auctioneer, Gary Faulkner, is on the extreme right in the back row.

The Leip and Lounsbury families

The presiding officers at the Tioga Center Lounsbury Reunion annual meeting on Saturday. Ray and John Lounsbury of Billings, NY, left.

Mrs. Sheldon Lounsbury family

ORDERING MEMORABILIA For those who were not at the Big Reunion in Bolivar, you have an opportunity to order a few things that are left. 1. Three copies of the book by John Freund: Some Descendants of Richard Lounsberry of Rye, New York. The book has 398 pages with nearly 3300 birth members of the L----Y family. The book will be sold on the first-order-first basis. If enough other people would like one, it will be possible to have more published. A minimum order of 10 (see page 10)

REUNION LOST AND FOUND

For all the genealogical materials and other information that were at the reunion, very little was left. However, here is what we found. If you know about it and would like to have it sent to you, please notify the editor.

1. A 2½" by 4" picture of two boys in identical plaid shirts, the names on the back are Henry & ? (ink blot). Lounsbury. It has a 2½" stamp on the back—G.W. Griffith Photographer, Water- town Wis.

2. A note from an Elaine Meckelson, 7/14/83, to Bea. Reference made to John and Lorigo Lounsbury, Webster City IA.

3. Photocopy of a card from Josephine Markell, Gibson Is. MA to Marie. Some marriages listed on the card, not dated.

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THE OLDEST to attend the reunion: Raymond H. Lounsbury with his son John of Billings, NY. They were attending the Tioga Center area Lounsbury Reunion on Saturday afternoon. Raymond was 90 on March 21. He is the author of the books: "Pennoyer Brothers and Lounsberry: Origin, Meaning and Significance." Thank you Raymond for all you have done!

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THIS SPACE WAS RESERVED FOR A PICTURE OF SOPHIE ROYCE LOUNSBERRY, YOUNGEST TO ATTEND THE REUNION--2 MONTHS OLD. WE WILL TRY TO HAVE A PICTURE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TREE.

THE REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE--Picture 13 on page 7: L to R, kneeling--Ann Lounsbury, Tioga Center; Naida Lounsbury, Littleton CO; John Lounsbury, Tioga Center. Standing, l to r, Betty (Lounsbury) and Lawrence Rossman, Bolivar; Corabelle and Alton Lounsbury, Scio; William MacDonald, Langton, Ontario; Albert Lounsbury, Saratoga Springs; Amy Lounsbury Hall, Tioga Center; David and Tina Lounsbury, Tioga Center; Tim Lounsbury, Barton, and John Freund, Victor.

The picture was taken on Sunday, and we regret that four other members of the committee were not present: Marie and Pat Lounsbury, East Berne; Gertrude Dennis, Loudenville, and Fred Lounsbury, Tioga Center.

The committee had two planning meetings, October 1992 and March 1993 at the home of David and Tina Lounsbury (great hosts). Naida Lounsbury kept in touch by phone and letters. Following the planning meetings, there were many phone calls and lots of letters, right up until the big event. Thanks to all the committee members. At times we wondered how it would all come together. But, we did it! The enthusiasm and dedication to complete the challenge was unsurpassed. Next time, whenever that it might be, the task should be easier.

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Ordering Memorabilia continued from page 9--more books would be advisable. Please send your order with a check for $10.00 payable to Albert R. Lounsbury and mail it to 212 Nelson Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Receipts from the books will be sent to Corabelle Lounsbury, Reunion Treasurer. The reunion account is still open. If the minimum order of 10 books is not obtained by December 15, the money will be refunded.

2. One dozen white 7" frisbees with the reunion logo on them. $2.00 (reduced price). Send your order with a check for $2.00 as indicated in item 1. Frisbees will not be reordered. Great Christmas presents!!

3. Tote bags---there are 3 left. They have the reunion logo on them and are 15" by 16", cost $5.00. Orders for the Tote bags should be sent to Naida Lounsbury, 3612 South Parket, Littleton CO 80127. Please make a check payable to her. I don't think extra Tote bags will be ordered. Ask Naida about it.

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REUNION PICTURES--8X10---Those who signed the list at the reunion to receive a reunion group picture should have one enclosed with the newsletter. The cost of the picture is covered from the reunion receipts--enough money left to do that. Consider the picture as part of your reunion registration fee. The photo was done by a professional photographer; it is not color photocopied. We hope you will enjoy the photo. It was an oversight not to have a banner or some insignia to indicate what the group and occasion were. Please identify it as you choose, perhaps something like the one in the newsletter.

For those who were at the reunion but did not get a chance to sign the list, please let the editor know. One will be mailed to you. The address is 212 Nelson Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Anyone who did not attend the reunion and would like a picture, please send a check for $3.00, payable to Albert R. Lounsbury, to the above address. We'll send one as soon as possible. There are a few extra.

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John Freund, Victor, NY will give an overview of his book and explain how it came to be used in research. The book, Some Descendants of Richard Lounsbury of Rye, NY will be for sale at the memorabilia or crafts table.

Talent and Dancing.
- Singing by Margaret Lounsbury, Margaret and Seymour Swartz.
- Dancing and maybe a sing-a-long. Caller: A. Dale Lounsbury. For everyone to participate.

GOOD NIGHT

SATURDAY Breakfast on your own in area restaurants.
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration continues. Free time for all.
Points of interest in the area:
- Rock City Park, Route 16, Olean
- Allegany State Park, Route 17
- Salamanca Indian Museum, Route 17
- Letchworth State Park, Route 19
Visit the crafts, memorabilia, book sale.

SATURDAY Lunch, 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. at the Firemen's Club, by the local Lounsburys.
1:30 p.m. - Individual family reunions. Tioga Center Lounsbury 72nd Reunion. Place to be announced.
- Games for children.
- Sales table open
- Genealogical displays
- Outdoor games
- Group picture taking - extended family units and maybe the entire reunion group.
Auction at 3:00 p.m. - selected items from things people brought. Proceeds to help offset reunion expenses.

SATURDAY 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. MC Jim Lounsbury
Clark Lounsbury: Readers Digest Version of his coast to coast bicycle ride.
- Singing by Margaret Lounsbury, Margaret and Seymour Swartz.
- John Lounsbury: Short slide show of the Tioga Lounsbury area.
- Vanessa Reed - song
- Awards: oldest, youngest, fairest travelled, etc.
- Donald Lounsbury: five minute story
- Lindsay Bates: song
- Pete/Michael Lounsbury: Highland Bagpipes

SATURDAY 7:00 p.m. Buffet by the Scio, NY Church of Christ.

SATURDAY EVENING after the buffet. Outdoor activities, dancing inside with the music and calling of A. Dale Lounsbury. Possibly some more talent. Any volunteers?

SUNDAY Breakfast/Brunch by the Scio Lions Club, 9:00 to 10:00.
Church services at area churches. Inquire about the location.
- Picture taking, games, saying goodbye etc.

REUNION OFFICIALLY OVER AT NOON

SUNDAY 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. 50th Anniversary of Alice and Corabelle Lounsbury. Reunioners are invited to attend.

We hope you have enjoyed this wonderful time together. We salute you were knew you had, and went on after, made new friends. Welcome, near Roseville. See you at the next reunion, sometime.

Reunion Program

The reunion program is at the left. Thanks again to Bill MacDonald for the graphics and printing of the draft of the program on his computer.

There are some substitutions in the program. Those acts with an * were not presented because of illness, lack of a piano, or were unable to attend. However, the show went on. In addition to what appears on the program, these acts were added, thanks to some volunteers. Charles Lounsbury, Delaware, spoke about his trip to Londesborough, Yorkshire, England in 1983. Jim Lounsbury, Tucson, AZ read the "Famous" will of Charles Lounsbury written by Williston Fish, and appeared in Harpers Weekly in 1898. The will has appeared in the Lounsbury Tree. Wayne Gilchrist, New Brunswick, spoke about the Canadian branch of the L family and the Prosser Reunion. He noted that the first International Reunion was held in New Brunswick in 1980 with hundreds there. He told about the "200 Years in Canada" celebration in 1983. As he stated, about 40% of the Ls in Canada have returned to the U.S. Lindsay Bates' song turned out to be a tap dance-- well done Lindsay!

Harold Lounsbury, Iowa, described the Pennoyer Scholarship which is available to descendants of Richard and Elizabeth Lounsbury who attend Harvard. He was a recipient of the scholarship when studying to be a lawyer. Don Lounsbury, St. George, Utah, told the story of his search for the origin of his family near Bedford, NY, continued on page 12...
and finding the old home built by Nehemiah Lounsberry in 1740, the search based on extensive information which Philip Lounsberry had about the family.

I hope I haven’t overlooked any of the "extras." It is being done from some brief notes taken that evening, and recall. If I did miss anyone, please let me know, and we will do a special on it in the next issue. Al L.

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See page 13 for information about this ship. NEAT!!
THE SHIP (on page 12)... How did Richard and Elizabeth, not together or at the same time, get to America? Probably on a ship/boat something like the one on page 11. Again, we can credit that production to William MacDonald. He did one for the reunion in color, 11"x17". It was admired by many. The editor has one 8½"x11" in color, equally as beautiful. In the color print, the logo is on the upper right corner of the print. The colors: sails in buff/yellow, the deck in shades of blue, the sides of the ship in different hues of green and yellow to gray. It has a lot of detail. If the editor were a sailor—seventeenth century sailor—I could describe it in more detail.

It might be possible to make the 8½"x11" available to others. I know I can get the one I have reproduced on a color photocopier. I'll have to check that out with Bill MacDonald to see if we could proceed on that. However, we need to know if there would be any interest. Please let me know if you would be interested in a copy. Probably the cost would be around $2.00 including postage. It might be something to enclose in the spring issue of The Tree.

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REUNION CRAFT SALE AND AUCTION

There were many things for the craft sale and the auction. Thanks to all who brought items, big and small. What a wonderful assortment of very nice items. Janette Lounsberry and Gertrude "Trudy" Lounsberry kept the craft items moving. Larger and more choice items, plus a few leftovers from the sale went to the auction held on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Gary Faulkner, auctioneer, everything sold, with proceeds exceeding $300, as I recall. And, there is always a good laugh and a fun time at an auction.

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MY APOLOGIES

I am sorry that this issue of The Tree is so late getting to you. All fall seemed extremely busy, some routine activities and lots of the unexpected. Now I will go out and rake leaves, dig up the bulbs, put on some storm windows, and wait for the next unexpected.

My involvement with The Friends of Grant Cottage has decreased somewhat, giving me a bit more time. It has been a challenge indeed.

Best wishes, Al Lounsberry

BOOKS BY RAYMOND H. LOUNSBURY

The editor of The Lounsberry Tree receives requests periodically for his books listed on the order form below. The form was available at the reunion in Bolivar. Those who may have not had an opportunity to inquire about the book, and those who were not at the reunion, may wish to contact Raymond at the address on the form.

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Make check or money order payable to: John Lounsberry
Mail order to: Raymond H. Lounsberry
70 John Lounsberry
P.O. Box 93
Bilings, NY 12510
The Queries

The queries on this and the following pages are contained within the letters primarily. Some shorter queries have been typed. We hope readers may obtain some helpful information from the letters, or offer information. Please contact the inquirer directly.

Eileen Miller, 9 Church St. Edisdon, NJ 08817-5205 writes, "I am descended from Bethesda (Eliza) Lounsberry, dau. of John and Lavina, b. 15 July 1796 in Bethlehem, CT. Eliza married Gordon Wright, 30 April 1832 and they owned a farm in Sheffield, MA. I would be interested in corresponding with someone with information on this side of the family."

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The Lucyberry (Lounsberry) Family of Rensselaer County, NY

The first Lounsberry in Rensselaer County was Samuel who purchased land in Schaghticoke on 2 March 1805 (Rens Co. Deeds Bk. 567) from George Wettel, Hannah Wettel, Daniel Wettel, and Ann Wettel for the sum of $519. In the 1800 census he was living in the village of Red Mill, town of Camillus, Dutchess County.

He married Susanna Nelson circa 1799. I have not been able to find a record of this marriage, but Samuel's parents were Quakers, so it may be recorded in Quaker documents. I have not been able to definitely identify Susanna's father but believe that he may be Caleb of Dutchess County whose will is written in 1796 lists among other children daughters Susanna Nelson and Mary Lounsberry. Some time later the family moved to Pittstown, for my ancestor Susan (Lounsberry) Button was born in 1817 in Pittstown.

Samuel Lounsberry 10 Feb 1772 - 26 July 1820
Susanna (Nelson) Lounsberry 9 Feb 1774 - 12 April 1856

Both are buried at the Cooksboro Corn east side of Spiegeltown-Raymertown Road in rear of schoolhouse (DAR rec. - olds)

(continued in the next column)
Queries

(ISRAEL ROGERS, b. Lancaster, PA, 26 Nov. 1671; d. bet. 1710 and 1718; m. Mary Lounsberry, b. Rye, NY, about 1675, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Pennoyer) Lounsberry. Before 11 Aug. 1701. Since this record is from a land transfer, there is nothing to show how long after their marriage this was. It certainly could have been several years afterwards.

That they had a son, Israel, is guessed from the Ulster County Militia in 1758 which names James, Jeremiah, and Israel. Their son Israel was probably older than his known siblings, and so not of the age to apprentice himself. The next three that I know of (Westchester Patriarchs) apprenticed themselves in Jan 1717/18. This may mean that their father died at that time.

1. Israel, b. 1706
2. Nehemiah, b. abt 1702
3. Jeremiah, b. abt 1703
5. James, b. abt 1710

(ISRAEL ROGERS of Weehawken, NJ: In his will, made 17 Aug. 1767, probated 15 Nov. 1767, Israel Rogers mentions a wife, Sarah, his children, Israel, Elizabeth, Mary, Daniel, Rachel, and James, as well as son-in-law, William Wilkin. Married Sarah (Barr). She died before 4 June 1772, as she had died when his will was probated. If he was an older son of Israel, he was born 1700 or before.

Children, order in will, probably born Rye, NY:
1. Israel
2. Elizabeth, b. about 1748, William Wilkin (d. 20 Jan 1790)
3. Mary

Eric E. Hovey, 8775 Mockingbird Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45231-4758, writes: "One of my mother's ancestors was Hannah (nee Lounsberry) Miller, (see page 16) Everyone who would like a copy of the "Pedigree sheet of Susanna Lounsberry," referred to on page 14, may contact her directly or the editor of The Tree.

January 15, 1993

Dear Albert,

I admit that my evidence is sparse about Israel Rogers, the son of Israel and Mary Lounsberry Rogers. He did exist, as witness his will and his mention in the Ulster County Militia in 1738 which names James, Jeremiah, and Israel. Your genealogist, Fauns, clearly got his information on the other four children from Westchester Patriarchs. Norman Davis 1988, which is accurate, but only covers material on this family's forge record of apprenticeship. "Nehemiah, b. Apr 1702, apprenticed for 5y 3m to Peter Purvis, 21 Jan 1717/18, Mary, apprenticed self to Henry Hunter, tailor, 29 Jan 1717/18; James b. 1710, apprenticed self to John Bailey for thirteen years 30 Jan 1717/18; Jeremiah b. 1706, apprenticed self to John Ferris for 4y 3m 30 Jan 1717/18."

All of this came from one source.

I interpret it to mean that their father, Israel Rogers died in 1717/18. I don't know whether it means anything about their mother, Mary. To my mind, there could well be an older son, Israel, who was at least 18 in 1717/18. Actually, there could even be other children older than Jeremiah. (We don't know where Mary fits. It doesn't say how long her apprenticeship was.)

I don't suppose that Mr. Fauns will accept Israel. The trouble is to find further proof. I would be interested in the Lounsberry book when it is available.

(Signed) Sincerely,
Harriet Dieterich, 154 Highland Ave, Winchester, MA 01890-2052.

Ancestors of Samuel Lounsberry

Richard Lounsberry[1], first found in 1674 living in Rye, NY, died 1694 in White Plains, NY, married 1 Aug 1670 in Mamaroneck, NY

Elizabeth Pennoyer, daughter of Robert Pennoyer and Ealise Marshall who were married 1652 in Stamford, CT. Elizabeth was born circa 1653 in Stamford.

Robert Pennoyer had a brother who never came to this country but became very wealthy in the textile business in London. He died childless circa 1840 and left a bequest to Harvard University for scholarships for any of Robert's male descendants who pass the entrance examinations. It has only been used a few times in 300 years and the last time it was granted to a non descendant. (See Pennoyer Brothers by Raymond H. Lounsberry)

John Lounsbury[2] b. circa 1674 in Rye and died in 1731

married

Ann who may have been the daughter of Lewis and Thomsue Guillen

Isaac Lounsbury[3] b. 11 Oct 1703, d. 3 Mar 1773

married

Sarah Close (may have been the daughter of Thomas Close and Hannah Knap b. 9 Nov 1703 in Fairfield, CT)

Janice Lansberry, Graham, RD 1 Box 566, Woodland, PA 16881, would like information about the descendants of one Benjamin Lansberry (1796) buried at Bradford Cemetery in Woodland, PA. His wife was Amanda Owens, 1800-1886. Son, Robert Lansberry, 1817-1889 Mary Berger. Son George Lansberry 1857-1934, wife Sarah Amanda Young, 1861-1927

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Eric E. Hovey, 8775 Mockingbird Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45231-4758 writes: "One of my mother's ancestors was Hannah (nee Lounsberry) Miller, (see page 16)

Anyone who would like a copy of the "Pedigree sheet of Susanna Lounsberry," referred to on page 14, may contact her directly or the editor of The Tree.
January 19, 1993

Mr. Edward L. Wrinkle
9 Robert Rd.
Orinda, CA 94563

Mr. Albert Lounsbury
212 Nelson Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Dear Cousin,

I received your letter of the 15th today. The mail also brought a copy of the Lounsbury Tree. Thank you very much indeed! I'm afraid our branch of the Lounsbury's is a slender and distant one, relative to the East Coast branches. I kinda feel like a poor relation.

My part of the Lounsbury tree looks like this:

My Father: Raymond Laurence Wrinkle (b. 1901, Santa Clara, CA)
(a. 1947, Oakland, CA)
m. Mary Lewis (b. 1913, Idaho)
issue: 1 child; Edward L.

Grandmother; Minnie Mertilla Lounsbury (b. 1877, Williams, IA)
(d. 1947, Oakland, CA)
m. Herbert Laurence Wrinkle (b. 1877, San Francisco, CA)
(d. 1907, San Francisco, CA)
issue: 3 children: Raymond L., Gladys E., Kathleen J.

G-Grandfather: Rufus Appleton Lounsbury (b. 1851, Beaver Dam, WI)
(d. 1918, Santa Cruz, CA)
m. Emma Jane Rolley (b. 1858, Illinois)
(d. 1923, Merced, CA)
issue: 2 children: Minnie M., Charles E.

G-G-Grandfather: Rufus Lounsbury (b. About 1809, CT)
(d. About 1894, 7)
m. Betsy Fuller (b. About 1816, NH)
(d. possibly 1899, Jefferson County, WI)
issue: 3 (known) children: Clara, Charles E., Rufus A.

The family tradition reports that Rufus L. (b. abt 1809) was the last of 23 children—his father went through 2 wives. The 1850 census records that Rufus was 41 and had been born in Connecticut, and his wife, Betsy, was 34 and had been born in New Hampshire. I've requested a death certificate from Wisconsin for a Betsy Lounsbury who died in Jefferson County, WI, in 1899. This may be the same Betsy. Rufus is said to have lived to age 85, putting his death around 1894, but I've found no record of him before the 1850 census or after the 1860 census. He was SOMEBODY's brother! Twenty-two of 'em! Surely someone in the Lounsbury family must know this guy was!

Al, I'd like to have the foregoing entered as a query in the Lounsbury Tree, if you please. I'm enclosing a check for $5.00 for a year's subscription (is this the right amount?) and the Reunion special edition. I've got names and addresses for almost all of the descendants of Rufus Appleton Lounsbury. Most are located in the Merced, CA area; all but one lives in California (her husband is in the USAF on Okinawa).

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Ed Wrinkle letter— (continued from page 16)

We have a family reunion every year, although we don't call it a Lounsbury reunion. It's essentially all the descendants of Minnie L.'s three children (Raymond, Gladys & Kathleen). We generally get about 50 family members and spouses in attendance. I'll be seeing Gladys soon, and I will certainly mention our correspondence. I'm sure she'd be thrilled to receive a copy of the Lounsbury Tree, if you'd care to send one. Her address is:

Gladys Pitchett
262 W. 27th St.
Merced, CA 95340

Gladys is age 88 and in faltering health, but she's always been keen on her family's heritage. Discovering a Lounsbury family organization would really excite her!

I never met Rufus Appleton L. or his daughter (my grandmother) Minnie, but he raised my father Raymond, after Minnie's husband died in 1907. I've seen pictures of Rufus A., and he was the spittin' image of my father! From all the evidence I have, the Lounsby's are a HANDSOME breed. (I must take after my mother's side.)

Thanks again, cousin, for your yeoman's duty with this newsletter. It must keep you very busy, but it's a function many hundreds of family members must greatly appreciate.

Mr. Edward L. Wrinkle
9 Robert Rd.
Orinda, CA 94634

Dear Mr. Lounsbury,

December 21, 1992

I have been in contact recently with Mr. Arthur L. Payne of Louisville, Colorado, regarding research into the Lounsby genealogy. He informs me that you are planning a Lounsby family reunion next summer. As I am looking for Lounsby relatives, I would be interested in further information concerning this event.

Mr. Payne informs me in his most recent letter that he has sent you a copy of my letter to him of December 1st. I would be most appreciative if you could shed further light on the identity of my eldest known Lounsby ancestor, Rufus, who was born in about 1809 in Connecticut, the last of 23 children. He moved west to the frontier, where I presume he spent the remainder of his life. Unfortunately, the vital records of the western states in the 1800's are poor or nonexistent, and all I have been able to learn of him has come from the 1850 and 1860 census in Beaver Dam, Dodge County, Wisconsin. Wisconsin kept no vital records at all that early and has no record of his death later (presumably in about 1849).

At some point before 1850, Rufus married Betzy FULLER, who was born about 1816 in New Hampshire. Where or when that marriage took place, I am unaware. It may even have been his second marriage.

Thanks again, cousin.

Edward Wrinkle

Mr. Edward L. Wrinkle
9 Robert Rd.
Orinda, CA 94635

June 3, 1993

Albert R. Lounsby
212 Nelson Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY

Dear Mr. Lounsby:

I saw your notice in the NEHGS Newsletter for the Lounsby family reunion in August and thought you may be able to give me some direction in our search for my great-great grandparents.

My grandmother has a family plot in Middle Patent Rural Cemetery (in Westchester County-The Bedford/Bankeesville/Armonk area) in which her grandfather (John S. Lounsby d. 8/1/1874 age 28 yrs. 10 mos.) and grandmother (Mary Mills Taylor d. 9/20/1916 age 71 yrs. 11 mos.) are buried.

Of John S. we know the following: he was a private in the Civil War and was transferred to Co. I, 2nd U.S. Artillery Dec. 24 1862.

In addition to our immediate family, there is another Lounsby family in the same plot (Peter P. Sanford Lounsby (d. 5/15/1882 age 65 yrs. 7 mos.), his wife Susan Ann (b.2/9/1827 d.1/29/1881) as well as three children who died very young: Charles (d.5/15/1848 age 1day); Isaac (d.6/5/1850 age 1mo.8days); and Seeley (d.8/6/1853 age 2yrs.8days).

What we don't know is the connection between the two families and if there is a connection with Richard and Elizabeth. We were wondering if you have any information on this side of the family. We would appreciate any information and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Pennington
29 Candlestick Court
Walden, NY 10982

THE LOUNSBY TREE: MARCH/APRIL 1994

It was not possible to include all the materials on hand in this issue without it being excessive for mailing. The next issue, if all goes well, shall be March/April 1994. We will try to include more QUERIES, FAMILY LINES, FAMILY HISTORY, IN MEMORIAM, FROM THE MAILBAG, 1994 REUNION, AND MORE.

Please send whatever information you have for the newsletter by February 1. Reunion dates, locations, and the persons to contact, as well as other pertinent information. It is helpful if the materials are typed or written in dark ink.
23 April 1993

Mr. Al Lounsbury
212 Nelson Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Dear Mr. Lounsbury,

Your name has been given to me by Marie Lounsbury of East Berna, NY, who has written to me many times about her LOUNSBURY ancestry. As a year has gone by I have discovered much about my ancestry but still am quite puzzled about many aspects. If you don't mind I would like to get you some information about my ancestor (in addition, see enclosed).

My great grandfather, Frank Wilbert LeFert was adopted by George and Mary (Wilcott) LeFert in 1877 (at age 3) in Clarinda, IA. He was a son of Mary Cassandra "Cassie" Lounsby by her first husband. Cassie went on to marry Gardner Winlow Martin and William Harrison Bean, but it has never been discovered who Cassie's first husband was or why Frank and at least 3 other living children (names unknown) were given up by Cassie. Cassie corresponded with Frank LeFert, and Frank knew and corresponded with his step brother, Bert Martin, and step sister, Myrtle Bean, but nothing has been passed down about Cassie's first husband.

Cassie stated she was born in 1847 in New York to Elishu and Rebecca (Moshier) Lounsby. Elishu and Rebecca Lounsby were in Brooklyn, Franklin Co., IN, at that time. (Frank says he was born in Laurel, Franklin Co., IN). However, Cassie does not appear in the 1850 Census with her stated parents, which seems to cast doubt on her parentage. However, the list of siblings she had told a family member correspond with what is known about Elishu and Rebecca's children. Additionally, Rebecca's maiden name has not been confirmed, nor has a record of marriage been found. Rebecca is not listed as a descendant of Hugh Moshier, though there were other Moshiers in New York and Connecticut at that time.

In the last year I have located another descendant of Cassie Lounsby ( ), daughter of Cassie's first husband. I have recently petitioned for the adoption records of my great grandfather to be opened, though I have heard nothing yet. It is curious that Cassie stated she was born in New York, said parents born England and NY, yet has given information to only a family member or one close to the family could have known. It is also very curious how Cassie would have gotten from Southeast Indiana to Southwest Iowa. Where did Elihu go after 1850? His children remained there for at least 10 more years. Do you have any information about Cassie, her siblings or parents that could be of any help to me? Also, I am told there is an upcoming family reunion. Although I cannot go, may I have the information about the reunion? Could I also have more information about "The Lounsby Tree". I was under the impression a Harold Lounsby of Atlanta was compiling a family history. Thank you very much for your time and energy. I appreciate it greatly.

Sincerely, 

Scott T. Kraus
2917 N. Frederick Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53211-3002

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THE HENRY LINE: Don and Ethelyn "Ethie" Lounsby, 1460 W. 5830 North #74, St. George UT 84770, would like to share and exchange information on the Henry line, son of Richard and Elizabeth Lounsby. Please take time to see what you have and contact them. They were at the reunion in Bolivar, all enthused about the Henry line. The information may be something which can be shared in the newsletter.

26 October, 1993

Albert Lounsby
212 Nelson Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Dear Albert,

Donna Henry who lives in Millersville, PA and is a descendant of Franklin D. Lounsby, like I am did get to the reunion and said she enjoyed it very much and she also bought John Freund's book. I was able to spend a few hours with her one day. She has two more diaries of Franklin D. Lounsby, years 1880 and 1887. We are exchanging copies of these diaries. She sent me the 1887 copy and it confirmed my theory that Franklin is the grandson of Isaac 5, Lounsby, b 1757 (John 4, Isaac 3, John 2, Richard 1). On Thursday May 5, 1887, Franklin writes "Ira Lounsby died today. Two days later Franklin writes "Uncle Ira Lounsby was buried - his funeral was to day" This was Saturday May 7, 1887, and Ira Lounsby's B 1808 was the son of Isaac 5 b 1757. I still don't have the documentation that Franklin was the son of John 6, born 1792 (Isaac 5, John 4, Isaac 3, John 2, Richard 1) but since Franklin named his eldest son Almond North and since John's (6) wife's was Lucy NORTH it seems impossible for Franklin to be the son of any other male child of Isaac 5 b 1757. The next oldest male child of Isaac 5, that lived was Letson born 4 September 1804. He would not even be 4 years old until after Franklin's birthday of 4 June 1818.

These diaries have been wonderful and Donna and I wonder if there are any more out there. It would be great if we could locate some more.

Thanks again for sending me John Freund's book, I really appreciate your taking the time out of your busy schedule to do this for me.

Sincerely, 

Marlan L. Hagopian
6221 Woodbury Drive
Magailla, CA 95954

11 October 1993

Dear Mr. Lounsby,

Thank you so much for your letter of 5 October. I must say that I have met with so much kindness in my correspondence involved in the Lounsby Tree. You and John Freund have been generous in corresponding with me, and providing me with information and options for further research.

About two months ago I received the adoption record of my great grandfather (adopted in the 1870s) whose mother stated she was a Lounsby. From this record, it seems likely that the father was a Lounsby, and perhaps Benjamin Franklin Lounsby (son of Elishu) as he married 2nd a Mary, and my great grandfather's natural father was said to be "Frank" Lounsby. Since I have located a son of Benj. F. Lounsby in the 1880 census, but not him, it just might be that Benj. had died, and his widow relocated with some of their children. Further research will be needed.

Sincerely,

Scott T. Kraus
2917 N. Frederick Ave.
Dear L Family Relatives, (continued from the first page)

New postal equipment in large post offices, like Albany where this goes, is rough on folded newsletters either stapled or tape.

** SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS **

This is the time for some to renew their subscription. It has been changed from June to September. Only those who have a September '93 date on the mailing label or at the bottom right corner of the front page should renew soon if you wish to remain on the mailing list.

A form for renewing a subscription is at the right. I hope this will be a reminder, and a convenient way to do it. The editor prefers renewing for just one year at a time. That would alleviate having to refund money if something happens that this editor can no longer continue.

A check made payable to Albert R. Lounsbury for $3.00 should be mailed to 212 Nelson Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 by January 1, 1994 if possible. That will allow enough time to revise the mailing list and have the labels done by Bill & Lucretia Arthur in California. We are grateful for that service.

** THANKS TO MANY, MANY PEOPLE **

We are grateful to so many persons involved in meal preparation: each of the groups which appear in the program. There were others who were recruited or who volunteered for a number of jobs: Gary Faulkner, auctioneer; Marie Lounsbury and Gertrude Dennis were cashiers; Bill Mac Donald at the computer, David Lounsbury (Stone Ridge, NY) for photocopying; Karen Lounsbury Bates for children's games; Bill Lounsbury, Lockport, NY for the reunion invocation. Dining room decorations by Gary and Chere Lounsbury family of Ft. Myers FL; pictures by Tim, Dave, Clark Lounsbury; P.A. systems from Dale & Don Lounsbury. To all these and any others -- A BIG THANK YOU!!
GREETINGS

Since November is here and the newsletter is just about ready to be photocopied and mailed, it seems appropriate to add some holiday greetings: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

It has been a pleasure corresponding with so many of the extended L family. Having the reunion in August was a climax for the year. Even though the wishes below are not original, they are sincere and express the editor's feelings as 1993 comes to a close.

Seasons come and seasons go
And with them comes the thought

Of all the happy memories
The passing days have brought.

May Happiness Brighten your Holidays
and remain with you throughout the New Year.