Dear L Family Relatives,

Spring is late! I'm late again with this newsletter. It is all finished; I usually do the first page last, filling in on other pages. I added May to March/April. That makes me feel that I am not too late. It has been a busy winter and spring. Winter—fighting the unusual cold and snow in eastern New York and much of the east coast. Spring has been especially busy for me with the continued affairs of Grant Cottage. Now that we are employing some staff, I hope that I can shift some of the work load, but I will still be quite involved for another three years if I can make it. Enough of my excuses already!!

There is so much material for the newsletter, it is difficult to pick and choose what will go in. Some of it has been in the editor's files for a year or more due to the Reunion of 1993 plans. The contents of this Tree are varied. I hope you will find some parts of it interesting, and when time allows, read all of it. I try to include information from different branches of the family, some interesting to one family, some to others. Thanks to all who keep sending materials.

Subscription renewals: Thanks to those (about 40) who received a reminder card about renewing. All but 25 did. Please do not renew with this issue. Renewals (continued on age 7)
International L Reunion -- BOLIVAR, NEW YORK

Albert - here is our family picture.
2/16/73

(Two sons) Van & Rich Lounsbury - 1st row

Next row: Sara Van Lounsbury - Mary Jean, daughter
Cheryl Lounsbury - Mary Jean, wife

"Tiny" Thomas Lounsbury - Naomi, wife
Martha Lounsbury - daughter of Terese

Next row: Helen Lounsbury - son of Frank & Jeannie
Charles Lounsbury - husband of Jeannie

Christopher Lounsbury - son of Frank & Jeannie

First: Vicky & Lounsbury - daughter of Frank

Our daughter Marilyn, missing, and our son Bill, in the second row.

1993 REUNION REPORT

After a couple of months of setting up the funds from the reunion, all bills paid, there was a balance of $677.56 in the reunion account (better a plus than a minus). It was agreeable to the committee when they were surveyed, that $100 be used toward the postage of this issue of the Lounsbury Tree. Most favored keeping the balance toward another reunion sometime, which all committee members would like to see happen. The remaining balance of $577.39 has been put in a 4-year CD to mature March 3, 1998, interest of 4.50%, yield of 4.60%. It is with First Federal S&L Association in Wellsville, NY. The account holders are Corabelle and Alton Lounsbury, account # 25-1519240, with Gary Lounsbury (Alton and Corabelle's son) as beneficiary. The National Lounsbury Reunion Fund is printed on the CD. We appreciate Corabelle taking care of that after months of trying to make a decision. The funds will be there when we plan another reunion, which leads to the next concern.

The next National Reunion (in the U.S.); In the survey several years were suggested for another reunion. Votes received were: 1998-4; 2000-4; before 1998 there were 1 or 2 votes for each year. So, if we have another BIG reunion, it would be

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1993 REUNION REPORT continued from previous page...

probably be in 1998. What do you think? Drop the editor a note and express your opinion. In the survey, where to have the reunion was asked. New York had 4 votes. The others said some other state or region of the country, but nothing definite. Do any of the readers have a suggestion? If you do, please let the editor know in order to pass the information on in the next newsletter.

Another item in the survey was about organizing a Family Association which could be a non-profit association. There would need to be officers or directors, a simple Constitution and By-laws, an annual meeting, etc. What would be the benefits, one might ask? It would be a way to help hold the family together and expand the interest. It would also make it possible to have a NON-Profit Organization mailing permit (lower postage). This needs further research in order to decide whether or not it might be done. If anyone can offer more information about the pros and cons of such an organization, please write to the editor. We will keep everyone posted about it.

John Freund's book: About 90 were sold at the reunion. Twenty more were ordered to fill later orders. Now there are 7 left for sale. They are still $18.00 which just covers the cost, postage for mailing and sales tax. At the time of the reunion, we had a certificate of exemption for that event; that has expired. If you are interested in another book or know someone who would like one, please contact the editor who purchased the books from the photocopier and would like to sell the books if possible. The books cost $15.00 to photocopy and bind. Then we have to add tax and postage.

Anyone interested in a Frisbee??? There are 7 left. The price has gone down again—$1.00. Next time they may be free. Now that winter has left us (in New York State) it is time to toss a Frisbee and celebrate. Don't be without one. Let the editor know. Please send another $1.00 for postage.

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**FAMILY LINES**

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| 5    | 4894 Middle name is Piper; Married 25 Jun 1872 Ellen Lucilla "Nell" ASPINWALL.
| 26   | 341 | Carrie Louise 7 L. |
| 26   | 6 | Catherine 6 L. |
|      | 5595 Should be Carrie Louise 6 L. |
|      | 3319 Insert: Married 21 Mar 1841 (Poundridge, Westchester Co NY); Died 22 Feb 1900 (New Canaan, Fairfield Co CT). |
| 6    | 26, 295 Catherine 7 L. | 1298 Should be Catherine 6 L. |
| 28   | 337 | Charles 7 L. |
|      | 2564 Born 15 Jul 1837 (Lexington, Richland Co OH); Married 27 Nov 1860 Ellen BENTLEY; Married 30 Aug 1866 Catherine HAUSSER; Died 2 Jul 1903. Add note: 5 children by Catherine. |
| 31   | 300 | Charlotte 6 L. |
|      | 1446 Born 1 Dec 1825 (New York, New York Co NY); Married Patterson Robert HART (#1447); Died 2 Sep 1833. |
| 32   | 289 | Clara 9 L. |
|      | 5316 Clara A. 9; born 14 or 17 Mar 1804 (Great Valley, Cattaraugus Co NY); Married Charles Amos BRIGGS; died 2 Nov 1877. |
| 34   | 2602 Col. Clement A. L. | Delete note and substitute: Filed scoop on Custer massacre at Little Big Horn. |
| 42   | 374 | Delia 6 L. |
|      | 3474 Name is Delia Ann; Married 26 Feb 1843 (Greenwich, Fairfield Co CT) John BENNER or BARNER; Died 13 Feb 1847; Deletenate. |
| 43   | 10 L. | Doris 10 L. |
|      | 4321 Mother's name is Florence Mae HERTTELLE. |
| 47   | 7 L. | Edward 7 L. |
|      | 3641 Change to: Edward Leighton 7 L.; Child # 2 of Rev. Edward and Ann VASSOBUR (551). |
| 48   | 289 | Elbert 9 L. |
|      | 1081 Albert 9; born 28 Apr 1824 (Great Valley, Cattaraugus Co NY); Married Gertrude SEITRAN; died 1968; child # 5 of. |
| 48   | 311 | Ellyn Eugene 9 L. |
| 54   | 266 | Elmer Hayes 8 L. |
|      | 4687 Born 17 Apr 1862. |
| 55   | 374 | Enos 6 L. |
|      | 3472 Born 22 Oct 1811. |
| 57   | 395 | Ephraim 6 L. |
|      | 4132 Married 1 Jan 1804 (Darien, Fairfield Co CT) ??? ??? ??. |
| 57   | 289 | Estella 9 L. |
|      | 1080 Born 19 Sep 1852; Married Arthur AYRES; Child # 1 of. |
| 63   | 296 | Frank 10 L. |
| 66   | 297 | George 7 L. |
|      | 1344 Died before 1853. |
| 73   | 366 | Hannah 5 L. |
|      | 3666 Born 23 Aug 1830; married Stephen Sisson; Died 29 Nov 1902; [Note: 10 children.]

*This and the following page are supplements to the book compiled by John Freund. We will try to update the book in this manner.*
FAMILY LINES

154  Robert Horace S. L.  4596  Delete note. (Not the Robert H. in Tree 18.)
157  Insert: Rufus 6 LOUNSBURY (#3462) born 21
Jun 1809; child #1 of Seely 5 LOUNSBURY
(#3459) and Ruhannah HOYT (#3460).

(Nota: This from Family Bible. Burdulcy has eldest child Martha Seely 6 LOUNS-
BURY born 7 Jan 1809, but he questions the
statement. Martha was perhaps the same
person as Polly Seeley 5 (#3551)
born 7 Jan 1809 whose nickname Patty was
misread as Polly.)

157, 374  Ruhannah 6 L.  3473  Born 25 Sep 1817; Add to note: This birth
Date from Family Bible.
164, 341  Sarah Ann 7 L.  2658  Born Sep 1829.
165, 313  Sarah Grace Leah 11  4269  Middle name is Ann.
165, 297  Sarah J. 7 L.  1345  Married 11 Feb 1855 (Mansfield, Tioga Co PA)

(C) MERCHANT (#4302); Died 18 May
1910 (Cooking Lake, Alberta, Canada).

166, 374  Seely 5 L.  3459  Married 24 Jan 1808 Ruhannah HOYT; Married
19 Oct 1819; Died 9 Jan 1849.
170, 341  Susan 7 L.  2665  Born 1832.
173, 382  Thomas 5 L.  2331  Born 1769 to 1770; died 15 May 1813.
189, 373  Katherine L. ALBRIGHT 3437  Died Sep 1970.
193, 337  Owen ALBRIGHT 2566  Married May 1857; On p. 337 change "Issue?
" to "Issue."

195, 357  Betsey BOUTON 3121  Born 5 Jun 1775 (Stamford, Fairfield Co CT).
195, 352  Charles BOUTON 131  Born 29 Aug 1714 ("")
195, 354  John BOUTON 310  Born 1 Oct 1742 ("")
195, 363  John BOUTON 3320  Died 18 Feb 1781 ("")
218, 337  William CUMMINGS 2558  Born 22 Oct 1819 (Otego Co NY); died ca

On p. 337 change "Issue?" to "Issue."

203, 266  Sarah Ann DREW 683  Born Apr 1840.
204  Zillah ( ) EISEL 1343  Born 9 Sep 1805; Married ca 1848; Died 8
Dec 1852.
207, 389  Elizabeth GALLUP 3788  Born 13 Mar 1800.
207, 297  ??? GEHART 4303  Should be KEHART.
207, 297  Laura Ann GILBERT 4301  Born 21 Jan 1813; Died 19 Dec 1847.
211, 300  ??? HART 1447  Married Charlotte 6 LOUNSBURY (#1446)

Died 11 Nov 1879.

218, 337  Sarah Jane KINZER 2553  Married 14 Nov 1861. On page 337 change
"Issue?" to "Issue."

220, 311  Gertrude LAWRENCE 4521  Add nickname "Trudy"

Born 1923; Married 1950.
223, 393  Barbara MARINER 3993  Born 17 Sep 1826.
224, 389  Hannah J. McCARTY 3791  Delete McCARTY and insert ???.
225, 360  ??? MILLER 3267  Name is Charles S. MILLER; Married 1856.
225  Albert Alonzo MILTON 3463  Delete this entry.

226, 297  Francis E. MILLER 4304  Name is Gomer MERCHANT; Born 4 Apr 1836
(Bradford Co PA); Married 11 Feb 1855
(Mansfield, Tioga Co PA); Died 28 Aug
1913 (Port Orchard, Kitsap Co WA)

Middle name is Marion.

226, 297  Francis E. MILLER 4304  Died 20 Nov 1929.
226, 297  Elizabeth MILLER 4308  Born Oct 1871 (Lancaster, Middlesex Co MA)
226, 297  Sarah SEELY 3791  Name is Stephen SISKIN, b. 1822, d. 1902.
243, 313  Chere L. THAYER 4268  Middle name is Len.
244  Nehemiah TOMPKINS 2772  Add to note: Jeremiah in print gravestone
record.

249, 276  Lester A. WHITCOMBE 6018  Born 20 Oct 1899; Died 1 Mar 1986.
249, 339  Harriet ( ) WHITCOMBE 2545  Name is Hannah WHITCOMBE. Add note: Sister o
Mary (Polly) (#2544).

254, 296  Florence ??? 4320  Florence Mae HERTZLER

Born 23 Apr 1886 (Tioga Co PA); Married
27 Jul 1902 (Lindley, Steuben Co NY);
Died 12 Nov 1970 (Safe Harbor, Lancast
Co PA).

Born 1828; Died 1906.

256, 366  Phoebe ??? 3858  Name is Ruhannah HOYT; Born 2 Jun 1786; Mar
ried 24 Jan 1809; Died 22 Jun 1819.
257, 294  Sibbe ??? 3460  Born 1791 (Dutchess Co NY); died 1867
Pultney, Steuben Co NY).

Replace with Kate SEPPER

258  Unknown (#0), spouse of
John Edward 7 L.  520  Move up under Louisa Brooke 7 L.
264  Edward 7 L.  3641  Died 7 L.  970  Name is Emma M. 7 L.

289  Children of John
297  Isac 8 L. and Dollie
243  DANIELS

337  Joel Quernsey 7 L.  2560
337  Loice ??? 2561
337  Add d. 2 Apr 1913.
337  Change to Martha Ellen EDGINGTON (#2561)
change "Issue?" to "Issue."

Insert sp-Jane WHITCOMBE b. 14 Jun 1855, d.
11 Jul 1860. Add next line #6 *Issue.

368  Unknown sp of John 7 4967  Name is Lillian ASPINWALL.
373  Craig HOOPER 5122  Next line change "Issue?" to "No issue."
374  Martha Seeley 6 L. and 3462  Delete entries for Martha, Albert and
Albert Alonzo MILTON 3463

374  Issue?. Substitute Rufus 6 L. (#3462)

b. 21 Jun 1809.

284  Children of Seeley 5

288  and Matilda MILES 3459
3461  Add 3 Mar 1837.

382  William 4 L.

211, 300  ??? HART 1447

189, 373  Katherine L. ALBRIGHT 3437

Pioneers of Madison County, NY" says that

Insert Elizabeth 6, born 20 Jul 1820; and
Samuel D. Ferguson 6, born 4 Jan 1832,
died 2 Mar 1837.

"Pioneers of Madison County, NY" says that

the William who was father of Thomas E
as James served in the MA militia from
Berkshire Co, was b. 1748, and was a
penisior. Listed in "Soldiers and Sai
ors of MA as William Linsbury. Clear;
not #1961.

283  Harritte ?? 2329  Number should be 2330.
Family Lines

(This picture with the identification was sent by Mildred D'Ambrosia, 25 Pleasant Street, North Reading, MA 01864-2414. If you wish additional information about the family, please contact her.

Lounsbery's

Catton's

Golden Lounsbury
Deborah Catton

31 May 1992

Gordon Anderson Lounsbery

(b. 19 April 1926)

Deborah Catton

m. 9 May 1992

Children:

1. Claire (Wilson) Dunn
2. Lise (Luglile) Dunn
3. Simon

m. 9 July 1943

Paris, France

n. 31 May 1992 - Riverside, California

Deborah Catton

Here's the neatest reunion in this Lounsbury bunch.

From the Lounsbury name which I assume belonged to a few people to: HUNDREDS of Lis!"
Dear Cousin,

I recently received some excerpts from "The Descendants of Richard Lounsbury" requesting that information and corrections be forwarded to you. I am a descendant of Hannah (Kelly) Lounsbury (1846-1887) and Richard Lounsbury (1817-1889), and have been researching their family history.

I have been able to locate several records that may be of interest to you. I have information on the children of Richard Lounsbury and his wife, Hannah (Kelly) Lounsbury. I would be happy to forward this information to you.

Sincerely,

Robert Brown

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The letter at the right is from Robert W. Brown. His address is:

Bob has another letter on page 25 relative to his search.
From the Mailbag

The book described below by Jack H. Lounsbery was on display at the 1993 L Reunion in Bolivar, NY. It has been reduced photocopied for this newsletter. The book is an excellent reference, representing many hours of work by Jack. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Jack directly at: P.O. Box 568, Goodlettsville, TN 37070.

**LOUNSBURYS IN THE 1900 U.S. CENSUS**

This volume contains all entries for LOUNSBURY and 46 spelling variants in the Soundex. Compiled in the 1930’s, the Soundex provides the names of heads of households, their spouses and children, along with ages, birthdates and places. There are 159 pages organized by states and 17 pages of comprehensive index encompassing approximately 2,450 individuals.

Use of this index can save hundreds of hours of cranking through microfilms searching for that elusive Lounsbury. This is also a great tool for those who only know their grandfather's name and don't know where to begin their research.

$17.00 post paid. Checks should be made payable to Jack H. Lounsbury

NAME: _____________________________

STREET/P.O. BOX: _____________________________

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Other publications about Lounsbury. Periodically, cards, letters, etc. come in the mail telling about "a wonderful publication" about the L Family(variant spellings), etc. etc. Sounds great, but be very cautious. Jim Lounsbury, Tucson, AZ called one to my attention which his son had received. I had received a similar letter. Jim stated, 9/8/93, "Here is another one of those L books for sale. My son got this by mail and sent it to me to read since I was a bit skeptical. I still am. One of the Iowa Lounsbury's had one at the national/international reunion (at Bolivar) and it was unimpressive--like a print-out of phone book listings, etc." Jim, I concur with your opinion. I have seen a few of these. Another one is The L Family News out of Denver, CO. It was greatly lacking in any real helpful genealogical news--very general information which could apply to any family with very little information about the specific family. I returned the sample issue with a refusal to subscribe. The point is: when you receive such mail, proceed with caution. and...

** If you aren't satisfied with The Lounsbury Tree, at least you are out only $3.00 for two issues. And, that can be refunded.
Mr. Albert R. Lounsbury
211 Nelson Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

30 December 1933

Dear Al,

Please renew my subscription to The Lounsbury Tree. It is no doubt one of the finest publications in the field of family history.

It was a pleasure meeting you at the reunion in Belvoir, NY last summer. We enjoyed meeting many other L" relatives there also. It just reinforces the old family tradition that the Lounsburyes are quality people. The programs were interesting. The food was very good. The organization of the event was skillful. Sharing and learning more about family history was important to us. We were well satisfied and glad that we attended.

From Allegany County we drove east to Yates County. There we visited more Lounsbury cousins. We told them that they had overlooked a great reunion. Some expressed regret that they had missed out on all of the good fellowship.

One of the subjects discussed at the reunion concerned the different ways to spell the "L" name. I'm sure that if Floyd Lounsbury had made it, he would have presented an interesting treatment of the issue. Many of us feel that the various spellings resulted largely from governmental action. If the head of a family was required to sign his name as spelled on a particular document, they probably adopted that spelling. It's a wonder that it didn't happen to my great grandfather. Look at the original spelling in just part of one document from his pension file for service in the Civil War! (A copy is enclosed.)

Thanks for doing a great job.

Sincerely,

Daniel N. Bickford

Chief, Records and Pension Office

WAR DEPARTMENT

Respectfully returned to the
Commissioner of Pensions.

Charles Lounsbury

Co. E, 119th N.Y. Inf.
was enrolled...March 23, 1864...
and discharged June 10, 1865...

From...19...to...Death...1866...
he held the rank of...

and during that period the rolls show him present except as follows: Aug. 31, 1864, absent...

in...April 10, 1865.

The medical records show him treated as follows:


G. P. VI, right leg, Petersburg May 1, 1865, discharged.

John Louden, June 19, 1865.

G. P. VI, right leg, Petersburg, May 1, 1865, discharged.

G. P. VI, right leg, Petersburg, May 1, 1865, discharged.

A medical certificate dated Nov. 17, 1864, signed by J. S. Wright, M. D., certified that he was wounded in the right leg, received on the 17th of June, 1864, Battery Petersburg, the wound in three licks above the ankle, not yet running. Post + limit.

Nothing additional found.

Received.

By authority of the Secretary of War:

John Lewis

Chief, Records and Pension Office.

Washington, D. C.

(Commissioner of Pensions.)
Queries

7-16-99

Dear Mr. Feesbury,

This letter is written out of curiosity, after seeing the Seattle Star mention 'Quaker Rogation'.

My name is Almeda Clarice Versage. I was born June 23rd, 1937 in Arcade, N.Y. My birth parents were Almeda Florence Fansbury and Paul Bedebke. Almeda was born in Scottsville, N.Y. on May 21, 1914. She married to Paul May 27, 1934. Almeda died February 27, 1994. I was born June 24, 1937, the day after I was born. I lived with Paul and Clarice. A son, Michael Anthony, was born to Almeda and Paul in 1942. We were adopted after I was born. Clarice was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fansbury. She attended Arcade High School and graduated 1930.

My only knowledge of Almeda is from the letter I received from my parents. I found among my mother's papers after she died in 1978. A picture of Almeda was with the clipping.

I believe I had a photo of Almeda that died before I was born. In the clipping, there is a mention of Almeda's Funeral. Almeda is listed as Henry's daughter. The funeral service was held at Lakeville, NY. Mrs. Clarice Versage and daughter, Florence Versage.

Sincerely,

Almeda Bedebke

Ed. Note: If anyone can help Rebecca in her search, please contact her at: Anthony and Rebecca Versage, 145 South Main Apt. 02, Mt. Morris, NY 14510.

Dear Al,

29 Mar 94

My apologies for not sending subscription dues much earlier. I am afraid our move to Ireland last fall caused me to forget all about it. Thanks very much for the reminder. I wouldn't want to miss the next issue.

While I was in Ireland setting up household, my wife and children went to visit her relatives in the northwest. One of my in-laws informed me that another relative had married a Lounsberry years ago. If anyone out there knows (Mary Harriet Lounsberry, born 1827 - died 1894) fits into the tree, please let me know. She married Henry Evans (born 1823 - died 1893). Unfortunately that's all the information I have about this time.

There are a number of Harriets in John Friend's compendium, and even one married to an Evans, but many other names lead me to believe this is not the couple I'm looking for.

I'll keep this short so I can get it into the mail box. Please note my current address:

Anders Lounsberry
PSC 1013 Box 794
APO AE 09725

I hope you are all able to dig out from under the snow. We had a fairly mild winter here compared to New York. Take care.

Anders Lounsberry

From Norman G. Selfts, an unusual query.

"I'm looking for a Lounsberry, I believe his name was William or Bill. We were in an organization known as the Long Island Harbor Patrol in Port Washington, L.I., NY. This was in 1939-40. We served with Lt. Alan Salt, a reserve naval officer. I owe Mr. Lounsberry money and it (continued next page)
Queries

January 12, 1994
Mr. Albert Lounsbury
212 Nelson
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Dear Mr. Lounsbury,

I enjoyed speaking with you about the Lounsbury family last night. It is good to know that there is such an interest. I wish I could find the same enthusiasm with the Stewart's!

Please include the following query in your next newsletter edition:

"Seek information on family of Isaac Lounsbury, b. 1815 in Orange Co., NY and Catherine A. (7), b. 1817, Ulster Co., NY. They had issue: Jane, b. 1838, Ulster Co.; Albert, b. 1839, Ulster Co.; George, b. 1844, Sullivan Co.; James, b. 1851, Ulster Co.; Orlando, b. 1854, Ulster Co. Catherine in Sullivan Co in 1900 with son Albert"

Please feel free to edit as you see fit. My hope is to find more on the other children and the parents of Isaac and Catherine. I would also be interested in receiving the newsletter. Let me know the cost.

I am enclosing what I have on the family. I originally believed that this was the same Isaac (1815-1881) found in the 1900 book. After checking the Hill Genealogy and Putnam Co Cemetery records, I am sure they are not the same.

Sincerely,

John Stewart

Ed. Note: If you have any information which would help John, please contact him at the address above.

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Ed. Note: Please write to Judy Smith of Bloomington, IN, 12/19/94, if you have helpful information.

New to Lounsbury:

I am a descendant of Charles and Mary A. (Lounsbury) Perry of Barnum, CT.

Last summer I wrote to a son of

Charles A. Lounsbury of West Orange, CT, who just forwarded me some information about the Lounsbury family, including your name and address. He felt you might be able to give me some information about their Mary A. Lounsbury.

Here is what I know:

1. Charles was born circa 1830; Mary, circa 1831.
2. At least 4 children (possibly 5)
   were born in Barnum, CT, in the 1860's. - This was confirmed by the Census of Vital Statistics in Barnum. The first child, Albert (Charles Perry), b. 1860 - d. young, my great-grandfather. The second child, a boy, was born 10/5/1861; there was a third child, a male, born in 1865 (but not possible to confirm the parents as Charles Perry).
3. Charles Perry's death certificate lists Charles Perry and Mary Lounsbury as his parents; also, place of birth Barnum, CT. (This was confirmed by family members.)

Due to the age of Charles, it is possible that these children were born previous to him. I have Charles a Census record (1870) of Farmville, CT but could not find them. They might have moved to NJ. Each of my great-grandparents lived in Elizabeth, NJ when they married in 1894. Charles Perry had previously been married and had 2 daughters from this marriage. If you know anything about this Mary A. Lounsbury, I'd appreciate receiving any info you might have. (In exchange a SASE)

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gayle Spradlin

Seifs' query from previous page - is a debt of honor that I have to pay off."

Ed. Note: Norman was sent the names of two William Lounsburys who are on The Tree mailing list; neither one is the correct William.

In a subsequent letter from Norman Seifs, he asked for this query to be included in The Tree if possible. He has a hearing loss as a result of WW II and his wife does all the phone calls. Quoting from his last letter: "Yes, it has been a long involved life and I am just now getting around to searching for old Lounsbury. He was a great guy. I liked him and I hope he is still alive. Let us hope for results and thank you again for all your efforts. Sincerely, Norm."

If any of the readers can help Norman locate William Lounsbury, you may contact him at: Norman G. Seifs, 707 Pinecrest Court, Wahunna, SC 29691.

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DO YOU HAVE A QUERY FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER? PLEASE SEND IT TO THE EDITOR.
Querries

Dear Mr. Loomis,

Yesterdau magazine had a notice of a Loomis family reunion to be held in Westfield, I had also
taken notice of your advertisement at Gross's College
The news, I am doing preparations myself, hoping you will answer.

My mother was born somewhere in the Middle West.
I have heard that there is a family name, but I have no
The more so, since I have heard that
I have heard recently from Mr. Gross's College
The family is not mentioned from
I have heard from Mr. Gross's College

My mother had a brother, James Loomis.
He was a few years younger than she. As my nearest
I have heard that
I have heard from

My mother died early in the winter of 1919 during the
I have heard that

I was raised by my father's mother, Sarah Loomis.
We also lived in

Evan and his wife, parents, etc. I have been trying to
find the answer to this question for the past twelve
years, to no avail. My great-great-grandmother was
Nancy Monroe, married to John Monroe on July 26, 1791,
at Maugerville, New Brunswick. John Monroe died in 1818
or 1819. Nancy Monroe married David Wallace and moved to
Maine. Is there a connection to the two Nancy's? Was
Nancy Monroe Lounsbury a daughter of George Monroe?
Evan and George had adjoining lands along the St. John
River from a grant in 1761, but not approved until
1763-64. Can you give me any assistance on this sit-
uation???

Ed. Note: If anyone has information for
Merle, the address is: Merle Monroe, 1924A, Homway Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44135.
February 2, 1986

Dear Mr. Lanebury,

HELP! I'm now at the genealogy game and get more confused by the day.


Both boys were born in Peekskill.

At this point, I thought I had hit the jackpot. I assumed Thomas M. was my great grandfather and Thomas was my grandfather's brother. The two Thomasen were buried at Van Cortlandtville Cemetery Section #2 Lot 78. It bothered me that I had never heard of a brother in the family. It is obvious that if they were not brothers they were probably cousins. I've been waiting for their pension records for several months, and I hope I get the information soon to solve this riddle.

If any of the members of the Lounsbury tree have any clues to steer me in the right direction, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Brown
23 Devon Way
New York 10706

John A. Anderson
05-30-1835-02-08-1916

December 1993

115th 414-55

Charlestown 1414515

Mary E. Anderson
12-20-1844-08-10-1911

Charlotte J. Anderson
13-01-1818-07-30-1860

Andrew Anderson
08-15-1847-05-15-1933

Annie Anderson Lewis
01-13-1864-04-20-1924

Clara Anderson
Carlson
08-01-1869-04-03-1912

William H. Lounsbury (my father)

In support of this possibility:

1. Martha Anderson, who died in 1911, says "After death of my husband, I directed my executors to pay out of residue the sum of $50.00 to-my

Grandson, William Harold Lounsbury, which I bequeath to him. I direct my executors to pay out of residue the sum of $30.00 to my
daughter, Clara Carlson, of Yonkers. The residue to be divided in equal parts: 1) to John A. Anderson Jr., 2) to Andrew Anderson
3) to Clara Carlson, 4) to Mary Lounsbury, 5) to other Anderson.

2. In her will made 1907, my grandmother (Charlotte J. Walker) left Mary Lounsbury as the executor and trustee of her estate for benefit of her children. Subsequently, Mary Lounsbury declined, and others were appointed by the court.

3. A daughter of John A. Anderson Jr., born 1924, recalls, "When in her early teens or before (which would be suitable to late 1930) that Dad had a nephew by the name of Perry Lounsbury. There was an Elizabeth who I believe was Perry's sister and they with one or both parents would come to Corton from Union City. I think."

4. Surrogate Court papers filed December 1910 as guardianship of William Harold Anderson, age 13. The only others relations of your petitioners residing in Yonkers as far as I (W.W.) knew of is one cousin, were:

Mary Lounsbury, 2nd Wife, Town of Connecticut, Yonkers
Andrew Anderson, uncle,
Claire Carlson, aunt, Yonkers, N.Y.
John Anderson, grandfather, Town of Connecticut, Yonkers
Martha Anderson, grandmother

No where can I find any reference in made to Clara Carlson, daughter of Clara Carlson, and a similarly written for Mary Lounsbury. That of Claire Carlson, and a similarly written in reference to Perry and Elizabeth Lounsbury contaminated by Perry, regular, etc. pretty well reversed. I would like to
find out how to contact Perry or Elizabeth. If still living.

Sincerely,

William H. Lounsbury.
FAMILY HISTORY

The following letter about Family History is from Howard and Agnes Lounsbury, P.O. Box 56, Youngsville, PA 16371.

Youngsville Rd
Mar 26, 1993

Dear Cousin:

Well, my hands don't want to write. But I will try to send you the information you wish I'm not to well.

Horace Lounsbury came down from Canada with three sons. One was Isaac the youngest. The other two I don't have their names. They went to live in Alexander, N.Y. Where he and Issac went in to the American army in 1812. Horace was injured and was taken back to Canada but escaped. Swam the Niagara River.

Isaac married Susan Bowen of Vermont. To them were born six children: Lucy, Wright Leonard, George John, Hyman.

John Lounsbury and family moved to Holland C. then to Janes Wyoming to where he died.

John Lounsbury was born in Alexander, Genesee Co. Oct 25, 1820. He moved with his parents to Janes. When he married in 1841 to Margaret Ryan, who was born in Ont, Ireland. They had eleven children:

- Mary
- William
- John
d curly
- Charles
- Elizabeth
- James
- Ellen
- Margaret Ryan died in 1878 in Ellicottville. In 1883 he married to Abigail Audult of Limestone. Isaac Lounsbury died June 11, 1897 at the age of 77 yrs.

MORE FAMILY HISTORY ON THE NEXT PAGE.

BRIEF FAMILY HISTORY/QUERY

This was included in a letter from Mike Niehe, 53 Hyde Park, Lockport, NY 14094. "I recently started researching my Lounsbury ancestors. All I really know at this point is that my grandmother, Zelma Smith, was born Oct 28, 1905 in Schenectady, NY. Zelma's mother was Edna Viola Lounsbury. Edna supposedly later married William Countryman. I don't know what happened to Edward Smith. Zelma married my grandfather Kenneth Bowlar." Mike was hoping to find a lead in the John Freund book, but hasn't to date. Can anyone help Mike with some information? Please contact him if you can.

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Family History

Married Agnes Mason Great Valley Dec 28, 1931
Anna Born Sept 27, 1932 Deceased
Dora Mae " Nov 25, 1933
Howard " Oct 15, 1935
Edward " Nov 22, 1936
Batina " Dec 18, 1937
Carol " Mar 26, 1939 Deceased
Fern " Sep 22, 1940
married 9-50
Dora - Ward Church - Had 5 children
Howard - Mary Favor - 5 children
Edward - Mary Phalibick 4
Batina - Charles Trice 2
Fern - Donald Wallam 3

at a later date I will send birth dates and time of marriage
my hand is straining out now

Sincerely yours
Cecil Lounsberry

Memories...

Harley R. Lounsberry, now deceased, (see obituary in the In Memoriam section) sent the editor a 32-page account titled "Memories of Stephen A. Lounsberry, and his son Herman A. Lounsberry as told to Viola L. Putnam.

It is a stirring story of some early settlers in PA, Ancestors of Harley's. Harley sent in for the record as he said he had no children (a son was killed in Vietnam) and no one to give it to. It reads somewhat like a novel or short story - beautifully written.

If someone would like a copy, please send $2.00 to Al Lounsberry

212 Nelson Ave. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. I believe $2.00 will cover the cost of photocopying and the postage. I would like to keep the original in the files.
Family History

Families given tool to research roots

System places library among nation's 'elite'

By MELINDA ZEHR
Pantagraph staff

Of the more than 1,000 public libraries in Illinois, the one in the old McLean County courthouse has become the first in the state to offer a computer program that may make searching for ancestors easier.

The McLean County Genealogical Society has purchased the Familysearch computer program, the most powerful computer genealogical program in the world, according to members of the society.

With the purchase, the society joins an "elite" group of only about two dozen libraries -- including the famous New England Historical and Genealogical Society in Boston -- that have the program, said Society President Donna Jenkins.

The Familysearch program was developed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which attaches great importance to genealogy and has long had an extensive library at its Family History Library in Salt Lake City and branch libraries throughout the United States, including Champaign and Peoria.

The computer program is just part of the McLean County Genealogical Society's goal to create a "great research center that would draw people from all over," said Marian Spratt, chairwoman of the society's long-range planning committee.

For its efforts, the library earlier this year received the Federation of Genealogical Societies' "Award of Merit for 1993" -- an award coveted by genealogy societies. The honor was accepted by George Perkins of Normal, a member and past president of the society who was instrumental in bringing the computer system here.

The McLean County Genealogical Society's library has been combined with that of the Historical Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution and is on the second floor of the former McLean County courthouse, 200 N. Main St., Bloomington.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. People may sign up at the library for use of the computer; no phone reservations are accepted.

Volunteers are available to assist with use of the computer, which costs users 50 cents per half hour and 5 cents for every page printed.

The Familysearch program includes the Ancestral File, which contains more than 13 million names. People searching the file may find ancestor names, family groups and the name of the person who contributed the information.

Genealogists also may scan the International Genealogical Index that includes names and vital information, such as birth and marriage dates, for more than 20 million deceased Americans and Canadians, mostly dating from the 1600s to about 1990.

The Familysearch program also includes the Family History Library Catalog, which lists more than 2 million titles in the Family History Library of Salt Lake City.

Users of the society's computers also may access the Social Security Death Benefit Index, though it is not part of Familysearch. The index contains information about names, social security numbers, dates of birth, dates of death and locations of death -- for about 42 million deceased people who had Social Security numbers and whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration from 1934 to 1990.

An index to the 1850 Census of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont also may be accessed through the computers.

Also available on computer is a complete listing for early marriages to about 1853 for the states of Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky and Virginia, and the ILLINET OnLine system, which gives access to the card catalogs of more than 800 Illinois libraries.

In addition, members of the society have begun entering McLean County cemetery and obituary records, as well as local genealogical society members' pedigrees into the computer system, and hope to have all of them available for access within the next few years.

Besides computer indexes, the library has a collection of 10,000 volumes, ranging from local families' histories and city directories to genealogical societies' quarterly publications and early U.S. Census records.

The article above is being used with permission from Mr. Fred Kardon, Executive Editor of The Pantagraph in Bloomington, IL.

We are grateful to him, Melinda Zehr, the reporter is no longer on the staff; we extend appreciation to her, a message to be given to her by Mr. Kardon. We give credit to The Pantagraph for this very interesting information for the genealogist. The editor of The L Tree received it from a local friend who was visiting in the Bloomington area.

The Pantagraph Monday, Oct. 4, 1993

$2.7 million in cocaine found in car at Fort Erie

By Jim Wilks
TORONTO STAR

Customs officers in Fort Erie have made the largest land-border cocaine seizure in recent years.

Gord Lounsbury, the regional intelligence officer for Canada Customs, said Monday that 11 kilograms (24 pounds) of high-grade cocaine worth $2.7 million was found in a car that was driven across the border on Friday.

The driver was a Canadian resident who told the customs officer he was returning from a day's shopping in the United States.

In 1988, border officials seized six kilograms (13 pounds) of cocaine from a car, which was the existing record.

Canada Customs officers at four bridges in the Niagara Region have seized more than $4 million worth of drugs so far this year.

Figures Vukadinovic, 33, of Toronto was arrested and charged by the RCMP with importing cocaine and possession for the purposes of trafficking.

RCMP officers also announced the seizure of more than $750,000 worth of cocaine. The group, which they say has disrupted the flow of drugs between Quebec and Toronto.

A man who boarded a train in Dorval, Quebec, at the Guildwood GO station in Scarborough at about 1:20 p.m. Friday by RCMP drug squad detectives. They also seized five kilograms (11 pounds) of cocaine.

Michael Pimental, 32, of South Service Rd., Mississauga, was charged with possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking.

He was to appear today.
Wrote "on TV is part of one of our family tree? Harley R. Lounsbury"

Ed. Note: I wrote to Harley and told him that others wonder about Angela Lansbury's possible connection to the family. Also, when I was in Washington DC in March of 1993 I tried to find William's name on the Memorial but it was getting dark and I could not find it. When any of the readers go to Washington and find the name, think of Harley's family and offer a prayer.

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DONALD C. LOUNS BERRY

The picture of Donald C. Lounsberry was taken on October 22, 1988 at the wedding of his youngest daughter. It was sent to the editor by Karen Bates (Mrs. Wayne) another daughter who was a very busy person at the L Family reunion in Bolivar in August '93.

Don appears in picture #14 in the last issue (#22) of The Lounsberry Tree about the reunion. He is the second one in front of (continued below the picture)

Services scheduled in Bolivar for Donald C. Lounsberry

BOLIVAR — Donald C. Lounsberry, 61, of 791 4th St., Bolivar, died Saturday (Feb. 26, 1994) shortly after admission to Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville.

Born July 11, 1922, in Fillmore, he was the son of Howard and Leah Max Boucher Lounsberry. On Nov. 9, 1945, in Gleason, he married the former Patricia A. Jones, who survives.

Mr. Lounsberry was a 1942 graduate of Bolivar Central School, a graduate of Alfred State College, and a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean conflict.

He was employed from 1957 to 1969 by the former Dresser Co-op. Div. in Wellsville and from 1969 to the present by Dresser-Rand Corp. in Wellsville.

Mr. Lounsberry was an instructor in forming and coaching the Bolivar Midget Football program for many years, was a coach of Little League baseball in Bolivar for many years, and volunteered as a time crew member for the Bolivar Bulldogs football team for more than 30 years.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Bolivar, a charter member of the Bolivar Lions Club, where he held various offices and positions, and a member of the American Legion Post 713 of Bolivar.

Surviving him besides his wife are a son, Kelly Lounsberry of Bolivar, and two daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Karen) Bates of Newark, Del., and Mrs. Dale (Bob) Head of Bolivar, six grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Betty Roesman of Bolivar.

Friends may call today from 3 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Scheffler Funeral Home Inc., Bolivar. Funeral services will be held Wednesday (March 2, 1994) beginning with a prayer service at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Richard Pablick, pastor, will be celebrant. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bolivar.

Memorials may be made to the Bolivar Lions Club, Bolivar Fire Department's Ambulance Fund, or St. Mary's Church.

In Memoriam

RAYMOND LEE LOUNS BERRY of Slate Hill, a retired self-employed building contractor and a lifelong resident of the area, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 1993, in Winterton. He was 85.

The son of the late Ralph and Adeline Lounsberry, he was born Oct. 22, 1908, in Middletown.

He was a member of North Congregational Church, Middletown.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Lounsberry of Slate Hill, Richard Lounsberry of Charlottesville, Va.; two daughters, Adela Rodriguez of Miami, Fla., and Jean Ernest of Bainbridge; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today at Applebee McPhillips Funeral Home, 130 Highland Ave., Middletown.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Bloomingburg Rural Cemetery, Bloomingburg.

Ed. Note: This obituary appeared in the Middletown, NY RECORD in October 1993. Raymond was the eldest third-generation descendant of Daniel Addison and Carrie Applebee Lounsberry, and a first cousin to Albert Lounsberry, the editor of The Lounsberry Tree. Raymond is pictured in three photos on page 12, in a wheelchair, in the Nov./Dec. 1991 #16 issue of The Lounsberry Tree.

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HARLEY R. LOUNS BERRY. The last issue of The Lounsberry Tree sent to Harley was returned marked "deceased." Harley and his wife lived in Warren PA. She died in 1989. In Harley's last note to the editor, he wrote: William Lounsberry was the son of Harley R. Lownsberry, he was 22 years of age when he got killed in Vietnam in 1969. Harley R. Lounsberry (age 81) (in 1990) is the son of James O. Lounsberry, born in 1865. James Lounsberry was the son of Harley B. Lounsberry, born in 1838, the son of Daniel Lounsberry, born in 1795. "He added: "Can you tell me if the Mrs. Lansbury in "Murder She Wrote" is second from the left, and son Kelly is in the center. We will never forget that wonderful Saturday lunch put on by the "local Lounsberries. Don was right there helping. We were all saddened when we heard of his sudden death. The extended L family expresses their sympathy to his family. In a note from Corabelle Lounsberry, March 4, 1994, she wrote: "We were so shocked and saddened by his passing. He went out and shoveled some snow and got his tractor out...had chest pains, laid down but broke out in a sweat--asked for the ambulance, and died on Saturday...he was well liked."
Ed. Note: This letter was sent to Robert Spiers, 1 Ridge Rd. Mahopac, NY 10541, to be shared.

Dear Bob,

I didn't know when next I might be writing to you, and with the whole Loulsbury genealogy coming to you, I thought you might like to add this incident about Gideon Loulsbury, if you don't already have it.

This week I went up to the Family History Center to read more in the Stanford Town Meetings film, and this time did the whole Revolution -- that is, what little they wrote of it, but most interesting because it was from their own perspective and how Stanford itself was being affected.

On Aug. 28, 1781, (p. 638 Town Records) the town meeting discussed drawing up a list of 'dangerous and insinical persons in several towns of the state and to look into the character of persons mentioned to judge properly the subjects to be enrolled as dangerous and insinical persons to the liberties and independence of the United States of America.'

And on the next page (p. 639) Gideon Loulsbury was named. But not for long!

September 16, 1781, "Gideon Loulsbury of said Stanford was adjudged to be dangerous and insinical and did enroll him in the list of dangerous and insinical of said Stanford," is the summary of the application of said Loulsbury together with a large number of respectable inhabitants of said Stanford (we have this day reconsidered and upon further examination of said Loulsbury's character, adjudged that said Loulsbury is not a proper subject to be enrolled as above said. Rec'd to read: August 30, 1781."

Once more, as in the witch trial of Goody Clason, the good people of Stanford came to the defense of one of their own!

As I wrote this now, I remembered Huntington, in his History of Stanford, included a list of Tories -- and so found this on Gideon: "Arrested in 1775, on suspicions of favoring the British. Makes a humble apology and promises to my utmost to exert myself in opposition to the ministerial troops."

I don't think school children today realize how very divided our country was back during the war: generally 1/3 Patriots, 1/3 Tories, and 1/3 "we don't know." Connecticut was officially divided into a 3-way tie. But even when I took my history minor while in college, we learned theories, etc., etc. but never this deep division among the people.

When we got a copy of the Revolutionary pension papers for one of Bill's ancestors -- on his Grandma Buxton's mother's (Hudson) side of the family -- and learned that 16-year-old Brooks Hudson, drummer and bushtown builder at West Point under Benedict Arnold told the court of witnessing Benedict Arnold's morning desertion to the enemy -- of getting onto his horse without stirrups -- and of how he walked because of his wooden heel. I searched all history references to his wooden heel. The most I can even come up with -- even using interlibrary loans! -- was a leg injury in Canada, at the start of the war. I just thought a wooden heel would make interesting reading in an historical piece (maybe a children's/young person's historical novel) -- someday, some time.

Meanwhile, have a most enjoyable summer!

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FROM THE MAILBAG

R.S.V.P. Reporter

A NEWSLETTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OF WARREN AND FOREST COUNTIES

Vol. 3 No. 8

Youngsville Couple Wed 62 Years

Howard and Agnes Loulsbury live in the woods on a hill located in the Youngsville area. They are a very special couple devoted to each other after 62 years of marriage. There is one of those wonderful, rare and refreshing love stories. The year was 1931, two teenagers met and fell in love and were wed. She was just 16 and he was almost 18 years of age. After being wed for 62 years their advice to prospective newlyweds is, "Don't ever go to bed angry, there isn't any problem to big or small that can't be talked over with each other."

The beginning of their marriage, their past and commitment to each other became the foundation that built the strength the two of them display. Agnes was from a broken home while Howard was one of ten children. Because Agnes came from a broken home she promised to dedicate herself always making her marriage work and to keep her family number one. Together they raised five children and now have 19 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

When the couple was first married Howard farmed for a while then started working in the ship yards in Louisiana and in Florida. Since he officially retired, he has gone back to work four more times. The living room walls are covered with pictures of the four generations, while pointing out which child belonged to which generation, the two of them gloomed with pride.

Their large family receives tendered with love, wooden gifts from Agnes and Howard. Woodworking is Howard's hobby. His workshop burned down last year, he now has another workshop built that keeps him busy year round. Again they work together in finishing their picnic holders, games shelves, large wooden waste cans and potato and onion bins sets.

Agnes and Howard discussed the changing times and what they have experienced over 62 years together. Agnes stated, "It just makes me sick when I go to the grocery store and have to pay the prices charged for food. My heart aches for the young people starting out today. When we were first married I could get for just FIFTY CENTS: 1 pound of Oreo, potatoes, a gallon of milk, loaf of bread and hamburger. Well, milk was just 10 cents a gallon, 25 cents a bushel for potatoes, pork chops were 10 cents, and cigarettes were just five cents." Howard and Agnes plant their own garden and can their bounty along with canning their version for the year.

Family gatherings at their home are held in the summer time so they can accommodate their large family. They have pig roasts and all pitch in. Howard and Agnes stated, "You just can't imagine what it's like when all can come, it's just wonderful, our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Nowadays teen-age marriages have a very bad percentage of being able to survive. A lesson can be learned from the Loulsburys. Communication is a global problem! Talking things over with each other and also being able to listen seems to be the secret to their success for a long healthy and happy marriage."

Ed. Note: Howard and Agnes are subscribers to The Loulsbury Tree. Even though it is over a year since this was written, it is not too late to offer Congratulations. Thanks for sending the story, Howard and Agnes. They may be contacted at: P.O. Box 56, Youngsville, PA 16371.

P.O. Box 56, Youngsville, PA 16371.
This letter from Barbara Ashwin in England was a response when the editor ordered more copies of the book Lonselesborough: History of an East Yorkshire Estate Village. It was written by David Neave (mentioned in her letter) and introduced by Barbara Ashwin for the Silver Jubilee, September 1977. We are pleased to share it with the readers. For those who have been there, it should have special meaning.

Lonselesborough park,
Lonselesborough,
York, YO4 3LF
April 15th 1993

Dear Al,

Thank you very much for your letter and the 50 dollar bank cheque.

I do apologise that I have not answered before but I have been very busy, and - lets face it - one gets slower as one gets older!

I sent the books off in early March, I forget the exact date.
I do hope that they arrive safely, I could not send them by air as it was much too heavy, so of course it will take some time as surface mail.

Thank you so much for suggesting that I should come over to attend the reunion, it would have been nice, but unfortunately it is not possible at that time. I saw David Neave a short time ago and mentioned that you were wondering if he could make it, but it was not possible for him either. His address is: 29 Wood Lane, Beverley, North Humberside, HU17 8BS.

We have had a very busy time in the village lately. My grandson gave a talk with lots of his very good slides one evening, there was a buffet supper and we made quite a lot of money for the Church. Just before that it was my husband's 80th birthday, so we had an At Home for the whole day except a break at lunch time and between 5 and 6.30. He had over 100 people call, and of course there was plenty of food, I had seen to that beforehand. The people in the village did a collection for him, although we had put on the invitation cards 'no presents', and during the afternoon they presented a music centre which was something I knew he wanted very much.

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Barbara Ashwin letter ---- continued from previous page.

At Easter some of us do teas in our small hall, and make a little money for church funds. We have some public walks through the village, and also people drive their cars out at Bank Holiday weekends and seem to enjoy stopping for a cup of tea or coffee. There are not many of us to do the work, so we are quite busy. I think it usually falls to the few in all these things. I expect it is the same with you.

We have a Women's Institute in the village, again not a large number of members, but we have some interesting times. I think that your equivalent are called Homemakers, and we all belong to the Associated CountryWomens of the World. Two weeks ago we did the food for a visiting Local History Club, so we had a busy afternoon as there were about 53 of them, but we made some money for our group and it will help to pay for speakers for the year ahead.

Our next event will be more teas at the Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of May, and a very big weekend at the end of the month when there is to be an exhibition of crafts with people actually doing pottery, spinning, needlework and so on. There will also be a tent with many exhibits of Wildlife societies, and all sorts of countryside interests. David Neave is taking groups round talking about the history and the buildings, and other rangers are taking groups round the Park and through some woods looking at wildlife, trees and so on. There will be food to do, and that is where the women come in, we are going to be very, very busy.

In between all that there is a money raising evening in aid of a special childrens hospital and our flying Doctor service. Never a dull moment, and all in a village of 56 houses and about 150 people.

I do hope that the books arrive safely, and that your reunion goes really well.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Ashwin

From the Mailbag

Arthur L. Payne  #201
1766 Garfield ave
Louisville, Ky. 40227.
September 13, 1993

Albert Lounsbury, Editor
The Lounsbury Tree
212, Nelson Avenue
Saratoga Springs.
New York 12866

Dear Albert,

I did not attend the Lounsbury Reunion, but understand it was a tremendous success. My congratulations to you and the other sponsors.

I have before me a copy of John H. Freund's book "Some Descendants of Richard Lounsbury of the New York".

Having put together a mere handful of records over the years I recognize the tremendous effort that John extended in compiling this work. And, I wish to forwardly express my thanks thru your paper to John for providing me with this excellent research tool.

I feel confident that this generation as well as those of the future join me in my thanks.

Sincerely,

May 28, 1993

Dear Albert,

Hello there! You don't know it yet, but bless your heart, YOU MADE MY DAY!!! That book issue of The Lounsbury Tree that you just sent me from December 1992 FINALLY confirmed what I suspected all along...that Gideon/4 (of the Gideon/3, Henry/2, Richard/1 line) WAS married twice, first to Margaret and second to Abigail Bishop. That was what I thought. My gr-gr grandmother was the daughter of Gideon and Margaret. Her name was Marla Lounsbury Heroy, born in Bedford, New York in 1791. I’d heard there was an ante-nuptial agreement between Gideon and Abigail and thought it was probably because he'd been married before and already had a family. But there was also speculation that there were two different Gideons, one married to Margaret and the other to Abigail. I was absolutely THRILLED when I read the article on page four, Gravestone Data Comments. I think I need to write to John Freund and thank him as well! And speaking of John, I look forward to receiving a copy of his Lounsbury book. Please be sure to put me on your list and keep me posted on how to go about purchasing a copy.

Anyway, I just wanted to say "thank you". Now I can confidently pursue my Lounsbury line having finally determined where it is I come from.

Thank you for everything!

Sheryl H. Arestakis
8614 Pines Place Drive
Humble, TX 77346

Your friend,

Sheryl
A little goes a long way at historic Wynkoop House

Architect, curator improve property by leaving it alone

By PAT ROWE

Correspondent

STONE RIDGE — When a museum curator and an architect bought a centuries-old house in Marbledown that had been virtually untouched by modern conveniences or cosmetic changes, local residents were sure the old building was in for a big change.

But change wasn’t what Metropolitan Museum of Art curator Gary Tinterow and architect James Joseph, who have owned the 10,000 square foot stone house on U.S. Route 209 in Stone Ridge since September 1992, had in mind.

Known to most area residents as the Wynkoop Lounsberry House, the building was last home to the late Sarah Lounsbery, a local postmistress.

Tinterow and Joseph have dropped the Lounsberry from the building’s name and now call their home the Wynkoop House — but that’s one of the few changes they’ve made. They say they’re proud of the fact that they have done so little in the way of renovations on the house.

They have, of course, improved the plumbing system and added bathrooms — but they’ve done the work in existing rooms and in such a way that there is no impact on the total look of the house.

They also upgraded the electric system and there is now wiring and an outlet in almost every room.

“I at first thought it would be romantic and more in keeping with the house to use candles, especially in bedrooms — but I couldn’t believe my candle bill!” Tinterow said.

The original floors throughout the house remain unsanded and probably look much as they did when George Washington slept there Nov. 15, 1782.

Two of the downstairs rooms have never been whitewashed or painted in any manner. Walls that had been touched have been treated with a covering similar to whitewash, with the exception that it does not chalk off.

“We moved in right away ... sort of camped here. We did hire a special crew to come in and clean. The house had not been cleaned in years but this group knew what to use and what not to touch,” Joseph said. “I think it’s important when restoring or working on a house to live there to get a sense of the house. You learn about the house while working on it.”

The two said they discuss research and rediscuss every move they take.

“We agonize over holes in the floor. If we are forced to make one, you can patch a hole in a wall, but a floor is different,” Tinterow said.

Townpeople are now watching them restore the barn on the property, which many people thought could never be saved.

Former owner Alan Blatt was told by the town building inspector on more than one occasion during 1990 and 1991 to tear the barn down because it wasn’t safe and couldn’t be saved.

Tinterow and Joseph give all the credit for saving the barn to their plumber, John Scheringer.

“John was the only person who was positive the structure could be saved. He has been optimistic from the start,” Tinterow said. “I am starting to understand how destructive regulations can be toward historic structures. Saving this barn has turned out to be the easiest thing. There are times when preservationists can strong-arm owners into retaliation with their attitudes.”

Joseph and Tinterow maintain a residence in New York City but are finding that their stays in the Marbledown house are growing longer.

“The people in the community have been great. Our neighbors are wonderful and belonging to this area. We love restoring this house. It certainly isn’t a money-making venture ... it is an obsession,” Joseph said.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Periodically we have included information about the Sarah Lounsbery home in Stone Ridge, NY. Also, there was quite a lot written in The Tree about her following her death a few years ago.

The house was on the market for a long time with a price tag of well over one million dollars. It is an historic house and bears the account about George Washington having slept there. It was finally sold; I have no idea for what price. The two men shown above have done a remarkable job of restoring it while maintaining its historic appearance. The falling-down barn which was being restored. It will be beautiful.

Permission to use this story was granted by the Editor, Sam Daleo, of the Daily Freeman, Kingston, NY. We hope you will enjoy the story.
When you eat a Kat. E. Lin. grape, think of Bill Lounsbury. This article was sent by William MacDonald, Langton, Ontario

From the Mailbag

15 January 1993

Dear Albert,

Thank you so very much for sending all the back issues to the Lounsbury Newsletter. The news that we are all essentially related is very exciting - and comforting. The newsletters are full of very interesting information - and history was always a favorite subject for my husband and myself.

Our daughter, Courtney, is involved in a genealogy project in her 5th grade class at school so all of this information has made her a celebrity, of sorts. Of course, she is going to get an "A" - but her teacher had to promise everyone that she would not be used to set the course for the class grades. Unfortunately, I do not have as much information to offer on my family, the Freels, but that will be changing. This stuff is contagious!

Please find enclosed a check for $18.00 (I hope that is correct). Take care of yourself.

Sincerely,

Patti Zette Freel Lounsbury

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Dear Family Relatives-- continued from page 7, John Freund's book: more about it. Revisions, updates, etc. appear on pages 4 and 5. It would be good to photocopy those pages and keep a set in the book. The book will be updated in this manner.

Reunion Report correction: In the last issue #22 about the Bolivar Reunion, it was stated in the identification of pictures 6 and 7 of the cakes, that Mary Steesy baked those. Incorrect. She baked the cake for Alton and Corabelle's 50th Anniversary on Sunday. She is their niece. The cakes for the reunion were baked by a woman in Bolivar whom Karen Bates and Betty Rossman knew. (next column)
FROM THE MAILBAG

A letter from Robert W. Brown:

I started my genealogy searching with a trip to Kenilworth Cemetery where I visited my Grandfather's grave and received copies of death notices, etc.

My next step was to send to the National Archives for his pension records. This took about eleven weeks. It was worth the wait. I was particularly interested in the pension since my first hike was paid for with my Grandmother's first pension check.

By this time, I was getting hooked on the detective work. With that in mind, I joined the Westchester County Genealogical Society and after a lecture by a member of the Westchester County Archives, I started weekly visits to their reading room.

My Grandfather's name was Lounsbury. The following Sunday after joining the Genealogical Society, there was an article in the NEW YORK TIMES-Westchester Section--about the Blue Mountain Lake Park in Peekskill which was donated by the Lounsbury family. I thought this would be a good lead until I saw an announcement in YANKIE MAGAZINE about a Lounsbury family reunion and a quarterly news letter. I joined that day and hit the jackpot. They have a book by John French--398 pages and about 3,000 names. The book has an incredible amount of material that would take years of research.

Another invaluable help was Civil War records at the Westchester County Archives.


Howard and Agnes Lounsbury

A letter from Agnes, dated 2/20/93 indicated they were planning to come to the reunion in Bolivar. They were there. I hope you had a chance to meet them. Al and David Lounsbury stayed at the same motel in Wellsville. They were there with their youngest son. In her note, Agnes stated that other members of their family were planning to be at the reunion.

On page 20, there is a story about them in the R.S.V.P. Reporter.

In the February letter, Agnes wrote several pages of their family line--ancestors and descendants. Perhaps it can be included in a future issue of The Tree. Space is lacking this time. She has kept some good records which will be useful to members of their family in the future.

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Reunions

This article about 1994 reunions is continued from page 24, bottom right. James and Myrtle Lounsberry Reunion cont'd place since reunion 1993. Contact Corabelle and Alton Lounsbury, P.O. Box 54, Scio, NY 14880. Phone: 716-593-1858.

July 30--The usual date for the Lounsberry Reunion in Westerio, NY. Eat about 1 p.m. Bring own table setting and a dish to pass. Contact Roger W. Lounsbery, 20 Wendon Road, Albany, NY 12203.

August 6--The descendants of Daniel A. and Carrie Applebee Lounsberry reunion. Mongaup Pond State Park near Debruce, NY, Livingston Manor Exit of Route 17. Eat about 1 p.m. Bring complete picnic. Contact Paul and Kathy Lounsbury, P.O. Box 20K River Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740. Phone 914-985-2923.

Other reunions--using the usual date according to the dates in the spring issue of The Tree in 1992. July 17--The Claude and Glen Lounsberry reunion in Centerville, SD. Potluck dinner at noon. Contact Roger and Ronna Lounsberry, 506 2nd street, P.O. Box 67, Ottsen IA 50370-0067. Phone 515-379-1799.

August 13--Lounsberry reunion in the Tioga Center area, NY. It will be the 73rd. Arrive 11:30 to 12:00, eat about 12:30. Bring table service and a dish to pass. Contact John and Ann Lounsby, Box 64, Smithboro, NY 13840. Phone 607-699-7222. In 1993, they held the reunion at the Big Reunion in Bolivar.

August 12 and 13 or 19 and 20--Prosser Family Reunion in New Brunswick, Canada. Descendants of John and Elizabeth Prosser. Contact Wayne Gillcash, RR 1 College Bridge, NB Canada E0A 1L0.

BE SURE TO CONTACT THE INDIVIDUALS BEFORE MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND ANY REUNION. THE DATES AND DETAILS GIVEN ABOVE ARE NOT CERTAIN. IF YOU DO ATTEND, MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL REUNION IN 1998. SEE WHAT THE REACTION IS. HAVE SOMEONE LET THE EDITOR KNOW.