



# The Lounsbury Tree

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Jim Jurista - Editor

## Welcome!

Hello again, everyone. What a long and snowy winter it was in the northeastern USA. We had over 220 inches of snow this winter in Cazenovia, and after four consecutive mild winters it was both fun and difficult to have a "normal" one again.

Lydia continues to grow, learn, and play. She is enjoying daily walks outside now that the weather is more pleasant, and she recently enjoyed trips to see family in Maine and Pennsylvania. With Aimee, we've enjoyed a little more time together this year than last, even though I continue to travel a lot for work. That is changing slowly, as I am currently working part-time and finally have a little more time to spend on the Tree and on my family (not necessarily in that order, as you might imagine).

Thanks to everyone for the kind letters, subscription renewals, and contributions to the Tree. As those of you who have sent materials know by now, I often do a poor job of getting them into the subsequent issue of the newsletter. Splitting my time between two locations has made organization even more difficult – and I'm not exceptionally well organized to start! As a result, I am changing the subscription policy for this newsletter. I will accept donations in the amount of \$4 per year, but they are completely optional. Despite the reasonable costs of the Tree to this point, I cannot accept subscribers' money if I cannot consistently provide a good product. I will continue to do my best to get the Tree published twice yearly, but the schedule may continue to be erratic.

I hope everyone is having a pleasant year thus far. Best wishes for health and happiness to you and your families.



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## Subscribing to The "L" Tree

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Subscriptions to the Tree are free, though I will accept a \$2 per-issue donation (in U.S. funds, please) if you would like to help me cover my costs.

Subscriptions are provided on a yearly basis; please write to me if you wish to renew. If you received this issue of the Tree in the mail, you will find a date at the top of the label; this is the expiration date of your current subscription. You may send donations and subscription requests to the following address. Please make any checks out to me, Jim Jurista.

**The Lounsbury Tree**  
**3905 East Rd**  
**Cazenovia, NY 13035-9476**

Canadian Readers: I have difficulty cashing Canada Post money orders here in the U.S.A.; if you can send a check instead please do.

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## Contributing

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The Lounsbury Tree welcomes all L-related submissions. This includes family histories, stories, birth/death/marriage announcements, reunion reports, genealogical queries, and photographs. Materials can be sent to the address given above for subscribing, or they can be sent via e-mail to [LTree@ravenglass.com](mailto:LTree@ravenglass.com).

### "L" Tree On-Line

Many of the readers of the Tree have access to home computers or to shared computers at libraries or schools. If you're in this group, you'll be happy to know that you can explore more family information on the Internet. Just point your web software to:

<http://www.dreamscape.com/jurista/Lounsbury>

Here you'll find information about reunions, genealogy resources, research assistance, and discussion groups. It's easy to use and fun; give it a try today!

If you'd like to reach the Tree by email, please write to [ltree@ravenglass.com](mailto:ltree@ravenglass.com). You can reach the editor personally at [jjurista@ravenglass.com](mailto:jjurista@ravenglass.com). We receive frequent family history queries via e-mail, and most researchers willingly share their findings with others, so it's likely you'll get quick help by contacting us this way.

Many queries that get submitted via e-mail or on the Web site end up in the Queries feature in each issue of the Tree. So your e-mail makes it to the real world as well. If you have any questions about the technology or about how to use the Net for "L" family research, please don't hesitate to contact the editor at your convenience via e-mail or traditional postal mail.

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## From The Mailbag

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Much "L" correspondence comes to me via the Internet. If you have Internet access, please respond to these letters via electronic mail. If you do not have such access, and no postal address is provided, please respond to me directly:

**Jim Jurista – The Lounsbury Tree**  
**3905 East Rd**  
**Cazenovia, NY 13035-9476**

I will ensure that your response is forwarded appropriately.

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December 21, 2000 from Agnes Morgan

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Hazel **LOUNSBURY** Married a **MITCHELL** in 1926 or 1927. She gave birth to a son Horton Lounsbury on July 21, 1926. He was adopted on June 21, 1927. He was adopted by Arnold and Agnes Morgan. His name is now Robert Charles Morgan. Would like to trace back/find family.

**Email: amorgan@twcny.rr.com**

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January 17, 2001 from Joyce L. Bruce

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Still searching for William Gay **LOUNSBURY**, Preston Lounsbury, and Peter Lounsbury (b. ca. 1816).

**Joyce L. Bruce**  
**1102 Taylor Drive**  
**Sulphur, LA 70663**

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January 22, 2001 from Jean Carter

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Searching for Jeanette A. **LANSBURY (LOUNSBERRY):**

- b February 27 1832 Fl.
- d Dec 8 1893
- buried at the McClure Cemetery, Butler County, Al.
- m Aaron Jacob **ODOM** of Alabama.

At one time was married to Dr. Castilian Jefferson **DRAKE** of Milton, FL. May have been married to Peter **LOUNSBERRY** of FL.

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
 Jean.

**Email: vettman10@msn.com**

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January 31, 2001 from Julie Lay

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Am interested in learning more about my Lounsbury relatives. I am descended from Isaiah **LOUNSBURY** who lived for a time around Green Mountain, New Brunswick, Canada. He had among other children a son **ISAAH HORACE LOUNSBURY** (b. 15 July 1850 @ Worcester MA

**Email: julielay@teleport.com**

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February 24, 2001 from Ed Lounsberry

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Researching surnames **LOUNSBERRY, BENSE**.

Seeking information on Phila/Penns Park branch of Lounsberry family

**Email: EdwardLounsberry@msn.com**

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February 25, 2001 from Joyce L. Bruce

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Interested in receiving info on all given & surnames (of **LOUNSBERRY**) in Florida, South Carolina, and Alabama, TIME PERIOD 1780-1850.

**Email: jbruce1048@aol.com**

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March 6, 2001 from Dottie

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Hi! Looking for information on Sarah **LOUNSBURY (LOUNSBERRY) ALLAIRE**, daughter of Jeremiah Lounsbury (1/12/1788, Bedford, NY) and Sally **HOLMES** (10/23/1787, New Brunswick, Canada).

Sarah grandparents were Stephen (2/3/1758, Bedford, NY) and Sarah **RAYMOND** (2/28/1765, Bedford, NY).

Sarah (b 3/7/1815, NYC, NY) married Throckmorton Alexander Allaire (b1/9/1809, NYC, NY) son of James P. Allaire and Frances **DUNCAN**.

Sarah and Throckmorton lived in Farmingdale, NJ and were the parents of seven children.

Any information on Sarah and Throckmorton would be very much appreciated. Also additional info on her parents and grandparents.

Would anyone know where the Lounsberrys would be buried? Sarah's parents both passed in Plainfield (Union county), NJ no dates. It's possible they were buried in NY, any ideas?

**Email: Sleepybd2@aol.com**

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March 11, 2001 from Marcia Touslee

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I am descended from Phineas **LOUNSBURY**, Ridgefield, CT through the **ROCKWELLS** of the same community. I would be interested in communicating with other Lounsbury descendants and exchanging information. During a visit to Ridgefield last fall, I obtained a good deal of Lounsbury history and would be willing to share.

**Email: rmtous@email.msn.com**

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March 12, 2001 from David Hierlihy

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Seeking data on George Albert **LOUNSBURY** born Feb 13 1856. His father was Charles Lounsbury, date of birth unknown. Mothers name was Phoebe **BROWN**. Georges daughter Maude married Herbert

**MCDONALD**. Any help is appreciated. The family Lounsbury I speak about appears to be centered around New Brunswick, Canada.

**Email: dhierlihy@home.com**

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April 28, 2001 from Dennis Zannucci

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Trying to find information out on a Markus **LOUNSBERRY**, and Maude Ammand Lounsbury (my grandmother). They Lived in Newburgh, New York. We were always told that there is a family tree register at the city hall in Newburgh, I don't know if this is true or not. Any information you can give me will be helpful.

**Dennis Zannucci**  
**7198 Key Largo Way**  
**Lake Worth, Fl 33467**  
**Email: dzan@bellsouth.net**

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June 29, 2001 from Robin Lynn Lounsberry

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Interested in the Michigan **LOUNSBERRY** clan. Father was William Wesley b 1930's. Son of Lee/Leroy/Leon and Melva **LOBDELL** who were married in Saginaw - it was a scandal at the time as Grandma was only 16 and he was divorced and in his 40's? with many children with his first wife - one of whom was named Americus? not sure of spelling. Family legend says he had owned several fishing boats and went belly up in the Great Depression combined with the white fish population crash..

**Email: robin.lounsberry@netscape.net**

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## Lounsbury News

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The following article, from the August 10, 2000 edition of the Putnam County (New York) Courier, was sent by Tree subscriber Robert Spiers:

### Former firefighter gets six months for arson

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By Eric Gross  
*Staff Reporter*

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CARMEL – “I don’t know why I did what I did. I want to apologize to everyone. I’m truly sorry,” said Daniel Lounsbury Tuesday afternoon in Putnam County Court,

moments before County Judge Robert Miller sentenced the former firefighter to six months in jail for setting a fire last winter.

The 33-year-old Carmel resident pleaded guilty May 23 to arson in conjunction with his setting an early morning blaze on Feb. 29 at the Bubble-n-Suds Laundromat in Carmel.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Charbonneau, who prosecuted the case, said Mr. Lounsbury had faced up to three years in state prison.

Before more than a dozen firefighters who crowded into the Putnam County Courthouse along with members of the Lounsbury family and close friends, Mr. Lounsbury, holding back tears, apologized, telling the court, "I didn't want to hurt anyone. I've lived in this town for 33 years."

Defense counsel Robert Leader told the court that his client was "remorseful and embarrassed. He is in counseling and I ask that the court sentence Mr. Lounsbury to shock probation and four and a half years probation."

Judge Miller called the case "most disturbing and distressing. For a firefighter to set a fire is very upsetting."

The judge admonished Mr. Lounsbury. "This case has brought shame on you and your fine family. You've lost your job. Your marriage is in shambles," he said.

But Judge Miller said Mr. Lounsbury had always been a "law abiding person. The fire department has been an obsession for you. Your father and grandfather both served the volunteer fire service with great pride and distinction."

The judge told the defendant standing in front of him, who was wearing a gray double breasted suit, a white shirt and fashionable tie, "My initial reaction was to send you to state prison for from one to three years. However, I've received over 40 letters from people who really care about

you and are concerned about your welfare. The Probation Department pre-sentencing report also indicates your remorse and sadness over this act."

Judge Miller then sentenced Mr. Lounsbury to six months in the county jail and to probation warning him, "If you violate this sentence, you will be sent to state prison for the remainder of your probationary term."

As a correction officer placed handcuffs on Mr. Lounsbury and led him from the courtroom, Mr. Charbonneau said the sentence was just. "Given the potential for tragedy and the nature of the crime for which he was arrested, Judge Miller did an exceptional job weighing the needs of the community while weighing the needs of this young man who needs counseling and help that will allow him to become a productive member of our community."

The blaze at the Laundromat was quickly extinguished with little damage reported. Carmel police said the defendant was videotaped entering the laundry at 1 a.m. Detectives said minutes later, the Laundromat, which is located behind the Reed Memorial Library and several apartments, caught fire.

*Editor's Note: I debated whether to include this article, but the story is interesting and it has some genealogy relevance as well as being geographically related to southern New York state.*

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## Genealogy Humor

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The following quotes are from the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3634/Genealogist.htm>

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### Top Ten Ways to Tell You're a Genealogist

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10. You talk about towns no one has ever heard of.
9. You take a trip to Salt Lake City in winter and don't ski.
8. You read EVERY Roots-L Posting.
7. You never leave home without \$4 in quarters.
6. You call ATM's "stamp machines".
5. You've memorized the counties, their seats, and their addresses for three states.
4. You KNOW that people who have been dead for 200 years are laughing at you.
3. You visit cemeteries carrying food and cosmetics.
2. You check out office supply stores "just looking".
1. You've changed computer programs three times this year.

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### You Know You're an Addicted Genealogist:

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- When you brake for libraries.
- If you get locked in a library overnight and you never even notice.
- When you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
- If you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.
- When you think every home should have a microfilm reader.
- If you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.
- When you know every town clerk in your state by name.

- If town clerks lock the doors when they see you coming.
- When you are more interested in what happened in 1895 than 1995.
- If you store your clothes under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals.
- When Mitchel, Davis, and Tenney are household names, but you can't remember what you call your dog.
- If you can pinpoint Harrietsham, Hawkhurst, Kent on a map of England, but can't locate Topeka, Kansas.
- When all your correspondence begins "Dear Cousin."
- If you've traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it fully documented, and still don't want to quit.

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### Murphy's Law of Genealogy

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- The records you need for your family history were in the courthouse that burned.
- John, son of Thomas, the immigrant whom your relatives claim as immigrant ancestor, died on board ship at the age of twelve.
- The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated when the platform collapsed turned out to be a hanging.
- Records show that the grandfather, whom the family boasted, "He read the Bible at four years and graduated from college at sixteen," was at the foot of his class.
- Your grandmother's maiden name for which you've searched for years was on an old letter in a box in the attic all the time.
- When at last you have solved the mystery of the skeleton in the closet the tight-lipped spinster aunt claimed, "I could have told you that all the time."
- You never asked your father about his family because you weren't interested in genealogy while he was alive.
- The family story your grandmother wrote for the family never got past the typist. She packed it away "somewhere" and promised to send you a copy, but never did.
- The relative who had all the family photographs gave them to her daughter who had no interest in genealogy and no inclination to share.

- A great-uncle changed his surname because he was teased in school. He moved away, left no address, and was never heard from again.
- Brittle old newspapers containing the information you desired have fallen apart on the names and dates and places.
- The only record you find for your great-grandfather is that his property was sold at a sheriff's sale for insolvency.
- The portion of the index you need is continued in the next issue, only the publisher died prior to publication.
- When you find the obituary for your grandmother, the information is garbled. Her name is exchanged with her daughter's, the whereabouts of her sons is unknown, and the date for her father's birth indicates he was younger than she was.
- The only surname not found among the three billion in the Mormon Archives is yours.
- The vital records director sends you a negative reply, having just been insulted by a creep calling himself a genealogist.
- The 4 volume, 4,800 page history of the county where your great-grandfather lived is not indexed.

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### More Laws Of Genealogy

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- The document containing evidence of the missing link in your research invariably will be lost due to fire, flood, or war.
- Your great, great, grandfather's obituary states the he died, leaving no issue of record.
- The town clerk you wrote to in desperation, and finally convinced to give you the information you need, can't write legibly and doesn't have a copying machine.
- The will you need is in the safe on board the "Titanic."
- The spelling of your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.
- That ancient photograph of four relatives, one of whom is your progenitor, carries the names of the other three.
- Copies of old newspapers have holes that occur only on last names.
- No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, was not sued, and was never named in wills.
- You learned that great aunt Matilda's executor just sold her life's collection of family genealogical

materials to a flea market dealer "somewhere in New York City."

- Yours is the ONLY last name not found among the 3 billion in the world-famous Mormon archives in Salt Lake City.
- Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded.
- The 37-volume, sixteen-thousand-page history of your country of origin ISN'T INDEXED.
- The critical link in your family tree is named "Smith."

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### "Bumper Stickers"

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- Genealogists are time unravelers
- Genealogists do it generation after generation....
- Old genealogists never die, they just lose their census
- Genealogists live in the past lane
- Old genealogists never die, they just haunt cemeteries
- Genealogy - a search for the greatest treasures - our ancestors
- Genealogy...it's not a hobby, it's an obsession

- Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!
- I used to have a life, then I started doing genealogy
- I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand
- I'd rather look for dead people than have 'em look for me
- I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged
- I'm searching for myself; have you seen me?
- If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help
- Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem, leads to two more! My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
- Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress
- Originality is the art of concealing your sources
- Remember, undocumented genealogy is mythology.
- Share your knowledge, it is a way to achieve immortality
- Try genealogy. You can't get fired and you can't quit!
- Whoever said "seek and ye shall find" was NOT a genealogist
- FLOOR: (n) The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

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## Obituaries

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### **Julia Wallace Lounsbury** **July 14, 2000** **From the Register-Guard, Eugene Oregon**

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The funeral will be held July 17 for Julia Wallace LOUNSBURY of Eugene, who died July 13 of age-related causes. She was 93. She was born June 5, 1907, in Portland to Theron and Iva Spooner Hickey. She married Harold Lounsbury in Milwaukee in 1964. He died July 7, 1973. She was a homemaker who moved to Eugene in 1964. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, traveling and playing cards. She was a member of Nydia Temple Daughters of the Nile and belonged to the Eastern Star, Chapter 51, and to the Daisy Ducks.

Survivors include a son, Prentice "Bill" Wallace of Cannon Beach; two stepdaughters, Gwendolyn Lounsbury of Eugene, and Carol Porter of Camas,

WA.; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. A son, Wesley Wallace, died in 1953.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene. Monday's service will be at 11 a.m., also at the funeral home. Private entombment will be at Lincoln Memorial Mausoleum in Portland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner Hospital for Children, 3101 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97201.

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### **Richard Lounsbury** **September 5, 1999**

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – A private memorial for family members was held on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the home of

John Lounsbury in Knoxville, Tenn. For Richard William Lounsbury, 82.

He died Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, in Knoxville, Tenn.

Lounsbury received his bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and Ph.D. from Stanford University.

He served in Naval Intelligence during World War II deciphering Japanese codes.

He taught at Beloit College, Purdue University and University of Memphis where he was the head of the Department of Geology until his retirement in 1982.

He had lived in Oroville for five years.

Preceded in death by his wife Lucille Lounsbury, survivors include two sons, John W. Lounsbury of Knoxville and Thomas J. Lounsbury of Minneapolis; two daughters, Mary L. Lounsbury of Carmel Valley, and Ruth L. Wise of San Antonio; a sister, Eleanor Roach of Chicago; and five grandchildren, Kirsten and Matthew Lounsbury, and Sarah, John, and Laura Wise.

Condolences may be sent to the family.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Northwest SPCA.

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*Editor's Note: Reader Marian Hagopian submitted this obituary:*

Dr. Lounsbury lived in Oroville [California] down in the Sacramento Valley about 20 miles from me. We only connect through the immigrant Richard Lounsbury and never met, but he did send me some material his cousin Floyd G. Lounsbury had gathered on their ancestor Daniel Lounsbury.

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**Elizabeth "Betsy" LOUNSBURY DOWNTON**

**July 21, 1998**

**From *RootsWeb***

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Elizabeth "Betsy" LOUNSBURY DOWNTON, 79, died July 21, 1998, at home in La Grange, Ill., following a brave fight with cancer.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at Highlands Presbyterian Church in La Grange. Interment will be in the church Memorial Garden.

Betsy was born Feb. 2, 1919, the daughter of the late Dr. B.F. and Elizabeth LOUNSBURY. She grew up and attended school in Oak Park and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, where on one occasion she was Queen of the Winter Festival.

Always active in church affairs, she met her husband, Royal, when in her role as president of the Young Adults group at the Methodist Church in Oak Park, she greeted him at the door on his first visit. Betsy and Roy recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Betsy was compassionate and concerned, feeling a strong obligation to do her part. The word "no" was not part of her vocabulary when requests were made for her time, talents and money. One did not stay home when tired, sick or overextended. As a result, her activities were extensive, many continuing into her retirement years.

She is survived by her husband, Royal C. DOWNTON; her children, Elizabeth A. of Roslindale, Mass., and the Rev. David (Carolyn) DOWNTON, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan; one grandchild, Christina; brother, Richard LOUNSBURY of Oroville, Calif.; sister, Elinor (William R., M.D.) ROACH, of Oak Park, Ill.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. DOWNTON was active in church, school and many inner city organizations. She was an avid gardener and loved music and animals.

Above all, Betsy was a loyal and devoted wife and a loving mother to two wonderful children. She enjoyed studying music and playing the piano, gardening, reading, enjoying nature and spoiling her two beautiful cats, without which she could not get through the day.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the church.

*Transcribed from the "Petoskey News-Review", a newspaper serving the Emmet Co., MI area.*

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*Editor's Note: Elizabeth Downton was apparently the sister of the same Robert Lounsbury whose obituary appears above hers.*

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**John H. Lounsbury**

**From *RootsWeb***

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Born: 07/01/1902

Mother: NELSON M

Died: KERN Delano 01/06/1960

Age: 57yrs

*Bakersfield Californian*, Friday, June 8, 1960

**LOUNSBURY**, John Herbert - funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Masonic Temple, 1920 18th St. for John Herbert Lounsbury, 57, 417 17th St., who died Jan. 6, in a Bakersfield hospital. Meudell Lodge 695 will officiate with George Uhler

as worshipful master. Interment will follow in the Masonic section in Union Cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Tennessee and had lived in Bakersfield for 39 years. He was, for 26 years, a Lieutenant with the Bakersfield Police Department, having retired only a year ago. At present he was a deputy sheriff serving as dispatcher for the Sheriffs Office. He was a member of Meudell Lodge 695 F&AM, the municipal Motorcycle Association, Kern County Shrine Club, Masonic Order of Scottish Rite, retired member of Bakersfield Police Benefit Association, Southern California Scafo Fingerprint Association, Kern County employees Benefit Association and State Private Investigators Association.

Survivors include his widow Florence; son John H. Fr. Bakersfield; stepdaughters Betty Montgomery, Bakersfield and Florence Chesebrough, Newhall; two sisters Grace Reader of Santa Monica and Ruth Croson, Long Beach. Pallbearers will be Morris G. Seamon, W. K. Willis, C. Y. Benson, Al Strassner, Charlie H. Dodge and Fred H. Cronkhite. Honorary pallbearers will be William Purdle, Bobby McWatters, Charles Poston, Lee Berg, Jerald Browder, Larry Kliever, John Howard, Leo Blair, and George Forgerson. Payne & Son Funeral Home is in charge.

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**Vern Lounsbury**  
**February 24, 1943**

*Leader and Kalkaskian (Kalkaska, Michigan)*

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KALKASKA COUNTY RESIDENT FIFTY YEARS PASSES IN CROFTON. Vern Lounsbury, 54 years, passed away at his home at Crofton, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 24. He had observed his 54th birthday anniversary Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1943, the day before he passed away. Mr. Lounsbury was born in Livingston county, Michigan, and moved to Kalkaska county about 50 years ago. He was a farmer in the Crofton community.

Surviving are four brothers, Ray, of Mt. Morris; Roy, William and Howard of South Boardman. Funeral services will be held at the Berg Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, with Rev. A. R. Ellis

officiating. Burial will be made in the Lodi cemetery. - The Leader and the Kalkaskian, 1943

*Information courtesy Leader and Kalkaskian, [www.upnorthpub.com](http://www.upnorthpub.com)*

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**Lucy Wiggins Lounsbury**  
**From RootsWeb**

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*Antwerp Gazette - no date\**  
Jefferson County, N. Y.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Lucy Wiggins Lounsbury, wife of Mr. James H. Lounsbury and second daughter of Mr. S. G. Wiggins, died last Thursday evening April 30, at the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Millard F. Fuller, in Adams.

Her funeral was held in Antwerp, from the old family home, the afternoon of the following Sunday, the Rev. J. Hypkin Brown, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, officiating.

Mrs. Lounsbury was a communicant of St. Paul's church, was for years a faithful member of its choir, and was always and everywhere an ardent Christian worker, ready in helpful services as opportunity offered. Her musical ability and charming voice made such opportunities frequent, and her cordiality in responding to these was very pleasant and winning.

In August, 1887, she was married to Mr. Lounsbury, and they at once took up their residence in the West. One year ago, on account of failing health, Mrs. Lounsbury came to Antwerp, hoping for benefits from the change. In October last, she went to spend the winter with her dear friend, Mrs. Fuller. Soon afterwards she was taken more seriously ill, and although all that skilled medical attendance and the loving kindness of friends could do for her was done, life steadily ebbed to its close.

Her bright, sweet fortitude, her resolute patience under severe suffering won for Mrs. Lounsbury the most kindly affectionate regard of the entire community.

*\* Transcribed by Shirley Farone, who noted, "I cannot locate a date of death - but it was approximately 1888-1890."*

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# From the Social Security Death Index

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## Information on the SSDI

Ancestry.com's Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is generated from the U.S. Social Security Administration's Death Master File. It contains the records of deceased persons who were assigned Social Security numbers and whose deaths have been reported to the SSA.

Listings are included for deaths from October 2000 through April 2001 for the surnames **LOUNSBURY**, **LOUNSBERRY**, **LOUNSBERRY**, **LONSBURY**, and **LONSBERRY**. "Last Benefit" indicates the city in which the last Social Security benefit was sent for that person; "Issued" indicates the date and city of issue for the Social Security number.

**CHARLES LOUNSBURY**; Residence: Buchanan, Westchester, NY  
Born 5 Dec 1916 Died 12 Mar 2001 Issued: NY (Before 1951)

**CLIFTON LOUNSBURY**; Residence: Bennington, Bennington, VT  
Born 8 Jan 1936; Died 11 Dec 2000; Issued: NY (1955 And 1956)

**ELVIRA LOUNSBURY**; Residence: Union Grove, Racine, WI  
Born 22 Mar 1907; Last Benefit: Kenosha, Kenosha, WI; Died 8 Mar 2001 Issued: WI (Before 1951)

**HARRY LOUNSBURY**; Residence: Oxford, Chester, PA  
Born 7 Oct 1918; Died 28 Feb 2001; Issued: CT (Before 1951)

**LUCILLE LOUNSBURY**; Residence: Cass City, Tuscola, MI  
Born 23 Feb 1914; Died 26 Mar 2001; Issued: MI (1956 And 1957)

**LYLE LOUNSBURY**; Residence: Cass City, Tuscola, MI  
Born 29 May 1916; Died 31 Mar 2001; Issued: MI (Before 1951)

**NINA LOUNSBURY**; Residence: Keene, Cheshire, NH  
Born 24 Jun 1960; Died 10 Apr 2001; Issued: OH (1980 And 1981)

**PAMELA LOUNSBURY**; Residence: Niles, Cook, IL  
Born 24 Dec 1958; Died 2 Jan 2001; Issued: IL (1973)

**DANIEL LOUNSBERRY**; Residence: Woodstown, Salem, NJ  
Born 4 Jul 1942; Died 13 Feb 2001; Issued: NJ (1959 And 1960)

**DONALD LOUNSBERRY**; Residence: Clinton Township, Macomb, MI  
Born 2 Sep 1929; Died 25 Oct 2000; Issued: MI (Before 1951)

**ROBERT LOUNSBERRY**; Residence: Mc Callsburg, Story, IA  
Born 22 Jun 1918; Died 10 Feb 2001 Issued: IA (Before 1951)

**R LOUNSBERRY**; Residence: Kalkaska, Kalkaska, MI  
Born 27 Nov 1905; Died 23 Nov 2000; Issued: MI (Before 1951)

**FRANKLIN LONSBERRY**; Residence: Seattle, King, WA  
Born 4 Dec 1923; Died 25 Feb 2001; Issued: WA (Before 1951)

**JOHN LONSBURY**; Residence: FO (?)  
Born 8 Jun 1937; Died 12 Mar 2001 Issued: AR (Before 1951)

*Editor's Note: I do not know what "FO" means; if someone out there knows, please let me know.*

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# Family Lines

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Marian Hagopian, who submitted the obituary of Richard Lounsbury found in this issue, also wrote the following:

I am descended from Emma<sup>8</sup> Lounsbury (Franklin<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>). John<sup>6</sup> and Isaac<sup>5</sup> settled in Tioga Co., Pennsylvania in the early 1800's.

John<sup>6</sup>'s wife was Lucy North who was born in New York State, according to her daughter Fannie Rumsey's death certificate. Fannie died in September 1909 at the age of 92 years, 7 months, and 8 days.

Lucy was listed as 55 years old in the 1950 census of Tioga Co., NY; I do not know when she died.

John<sup>6</sup> and Lucy (North) Lounsbury came to Tioga, PA from Oswego, NY with their family in 1837-1838 and settled near Canoe Camp, Tioga County, PA.

Does anyone know who Lucy North's parents were? Any clues about where to search for them?

Thanks,

**Marian L. Hagopian**  
**6221 Woodbury Dr.**  
**Magalia, CA 95954-9588**

Bill MacDonald, a frequent contributor and researcher of L family history, submitted the following line.

Here is an interesting piece about the marriage of a Lounsbury to Sarah Coberly (De Coverly). Pat Lebeau on the query list asked this question and I corresponded with her. I think I also corresponded with someone else but I haven't found the record of this yet. I recently downloaded a World Family Tree file of what looks like good research done by:

**BETHANY A KENNEDY**  
**10142 KUKUI DR**  
**HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92646**

This research looks interesting and well done for parts of the descendants. There are still of course many questions left unanswered. I have recently come across records on LDS of a William who married a Sarah Coverly in St. Catharines, Ontario and who appears to have the same children's names as Jacob who married Sarah in York on the Grand River (Haldimand County) Ontario. The children on the following report came from Bethany Kennedy's information, the information about the marriage I obtained.

### *Descendants of Jacob Lonsberry*

*Generation No. 1*

1. JACOB<sup>1</sup> LONSBERRY He married SARAH COVERLY 02 September 1844 in St. John's Church, York, 1838-59.

Notes for JACOB LONSBERRY:

Source: p.52 St. John's Church, York, 1838-1859 Jacob Lo[n]sb[e]rry md. Sarah Coverly on Sep 1844; wit. Joseph Lo[ns]berry, Charles Coverly. (I think this is York on the Grand River - WGM)

Marriage Notes for JACOB LONSBERRY and SARAH COVERLY:

Married by Rev. Bold Cudmore Hill, M.A.

REV. BOLD CUDMORE HILL M.A.

Rev. Bold Cudmore Hill was the first Anglican missionary along the Grand River and, in fact, for most of the County of Haldimand, then known as Canada West. With headquarters at York he conducted services at various mission points in the area, including Dunnville, Canboro, Cayuga, Jarvis, Nanticoke, Caledonia and Seneca. His territory also covered the Township of Glanford, Wentworth Co.

Mr. Hill received his M.A. in Theology from the University of Dublin and emigrated to America as a Gentleman from the London, England "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel". Having left Bristol on a passenger sailing vessel, he landed in

New York and here he bought tract books for the catechumen classes in Canada. Coming to Toronto by Albany, Kingston and Peterborough, he soon was given his pastoral charge along the Grand River, then part of the Diocese of Toronto.

Mr. Hill sent quarterly reports of his missionary work to the Secretary of the Upper Canada Clergy Society to 13 Exeter Hall, London, England. These letters from Ledger Number 501 cover the time from his boarding ship at Bristol, England, on Saturday evening, September 20, 1838, to March 20, 1849. The letters were saved and all material from the letters was entered into this large ledger by some unknown scribe. These twenty-two pages of hand-written quarterly reports tell the story of probably the most dedicated part of his missionary work when the country was first opened up for settlement, when the settler welcomed the visitor on horseback in a spiritual way as well as a social need. It mattered not if the settlers were Early Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic or Anglican. Ecumenicism is' not a new thing;

Space does not permit the inclusion of these reports pertaining' to the various early missionary endeavours in the settlement but to the genealogist and the historian, one gleans the names of the early settlers and their families and the original names of the settlements such as Swamp Road, Cook's Station, Tuskerora, Indiana, Sheahan's Settlement, MacKenzie's Mills, Lake Shore (Erie) Settlement, Big Creek in the Gore, Seneca "Bush", Nelles Settlement, Bellis Settlement (Walpole), Hulbert Settlement, Burnham, Bryant's and Kennedy Settlement.

Every Anglican rector was required to keep complete and carefully inscribed records of births, confirmations, marriages and burials. There was happiness in recording the marriages and those witnesses present, but sadness in recording burials when ague and cholera took their toll of many an early settler or a member of his family.

The following pages are the-transcribed records of the marriages performed by the Rev. Bold Cudmore Hill from 1838 to 1870, inclusive. Some were performed at York where his wife Isabella Hill was one witness, others were performed in the settlers' homes throughout the missionary area.

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**More About JACOB LONSBERRY and SARAH COVERLY:**

Marriage: 02 September 1844, St. John's Church, York, 1838-59

**Children of JACOB LONSBERRY and SARAH COVERLY are:**

i. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> LONSBERRY.

ii. JONATHAN LONSBERRY, b. 07 March 1843, Wentworth Co., ON; d. Aft. 1910, MI; m. JANE AMELIA BENNETT, 21 December 1863, Lockport, Niagara Co., NY; b. October 1847, Lockport, Niagara Co., NY; d. Aft. 1910, MI.

Notes for JONATHAN LONSBERRY:

Served in Co. B, 8th NY Heavy Artillery, from Dec 16, 1863 - June 13, 1865 during Civil War.

1910 Census - Arbula Twp., Tuscola Co., MI - taken 21 April 1910

Lonsberry, Jonathan, 67 yr's, farmer, b. Canada - imigrated to US in 1861 - naturalized citizen, father b. NY, mother b. England. Jane 63 years, b. NY, both parents born NY.

Married 46 years; 12 children born; 8 children living.

Owned home paying mortgage.

More About JONATHAN LONSBERRY and JANE BENNETT:

Marriage: 21 December 1863, Lockport, Niagara Co., NY

iii. WILLIAM THOMAS LONSBERRY, b. 27 February 1854, St. Catharines, On.

iv. GEORGE LONSBERRY, b. 1855.

v. WALTER LONSBERRY, b. 1857.

Bill provided the following additional Lonsberry line that, he says, "I gathered this line from LDS Internet information." It shows a William Lonsberry marrying Sarah Coverly. Bill also writes, "Comments on this information would be helpful as to who this William, Jacob (Isaac?) might be. I might have to see if there are any better records that can be obtained."

## Descendants of William Lonsberry

*Generation No. 1*

**1. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> LONSBERRY** was born Abt. 1833 in St. Catharines, On. He married SARAH DE COVERLY. She was born Abt. 1835 in St. Catharines, On.

Children of WILLIAM LONSBERRY and SARAH DE COVERLY are:

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  - i. WILLIAM T.<sup>2</sup> LONSBERRY, b. 27 February 1859, St. Catharines, ON; d. Flint, Mi.
  - ii. JOHNNIE LONSBERRY, b. Abt. 1861, St. Catharines, ON.
  - iii. GEORGE LONSBERRY, b. Abt. 1863, St. Catharines, On; m. LAVINIA; b. Abt. 1863.
  - iv. WALTER LONSBERRY, b. Abt. 1865, St. Catharines, ON.
  - v. JOSEPH LONSBERRY, b. Abt. 1867, St. Catharines, ON.

*Generation No. 2*

**2. WILLIAM T.<sup>2</sup> LONSBERRY** (*WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born 27 February 1859 in St. Catharines, ON, and died in Flint, Mi. He married MARY JOANNE SAXTON 28 October 1875, daughter of WILLIAM SAXTON and MARGARET WEBBER. She was born 20 June 1854 in New York, NY, and died 02 February 1887.

Notes for WILLIAM T. LONSBERRY:

Submitter(s):

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Submission: Individual Record FamilySearch™ Ancestral File v4.19

William T. LONSBERRY (AFN: 4KP7-TQ) Pedigree

Sex: M

Event(s):

Birth: 27 Feb 1859 St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada  
Death: Flint, , Mi  
Burial: Pinerun, , Mi

Parents:

Father: William LONSBERRY (AFN: 4KP7-ZF)  
Mother: Sarah DE COVERLY (AFN: 4KP8-OK)

Marriage(s):

Spouse: Mary Joanne SAXTON (AFN: 4KP7-VW)  
Marriage: 28 Oct 1875

More About WILLIAM T. LONSBERRY:

Burial: Pinerun, MI

More About MARY JOANNE SAXTON:

Burial: Pinerun, MI

More About WILLIAM LONSBERRY and MARY SAXTON:

Marriage: 28 October 1875

Children of WILLIAM LONSBERRY and MARY SAXTON are:

- i. BERTHA AGNES<sup>3</sup> LONSBERRY, b. 10 October 1876, New York, NY; d. 01 May 1965.
- ii. GEORGE E. LONSBERRY, b. 18 January 1878, Burton Twp., Genesee, MI.
- iii. MARGARET LOUISE LONSBERRY, b. 25 October 1879, Burton Twp., Genesee, MI; d. 18 July 1931, Bennington, Shiawassee, Mi.  
 More About MARGARET LOUISE LONSBERRY:  
 Burial: 21 July 1931, Owosso, Shiawassee, Mi
- iv. ESTELLE MAE LONSBERRY, b. 15 March 1882, Midland; d. 05 November 1976.
- v. CHARLES E. LONSBERRY, b. 22 April 1885, Duluth, MI; d. 20 October 1977.

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# 2003 Reunion Planning

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After the tremendous success of the 1993 and 1998 reunions, it's time to start thinking about planning the 2003 International "L" reunion. While Al Lounsbury was instrumental in organizing and planning the two prior reunions, he has asked that another volunteer step forward to lead the next reunion's efforts. We will need to:

- Find a lead organizer
- Find a location. The last two were in Bolivar (1993) and Greenville (1998) New York. Al and I discussed the possibility of having the reunion in southern Westchester County, New York (near the ancestral home of the L's in America), but this would be a very expensive proposition – lodging and facilities are in high demand in that highly congested area.
- Find volunteers to help manage logistics, planning, and funding.

We have time, but getting these basics in place by spring 2002 would be ideal. Please contact me and I can assemble everyone who's interested in helping.

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## Publications

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*Londesborough*

by David Neave

Copies of *Londesborough* have sold out. Thanks to everyone who requested one after the Fall 2000 issue.

*Pennoyer Brothers*

*Lounsbury: Origin, Meaning and Significance*

each by Raymond H. Lounsbury

*Pennoyer Brothers – Colonization, Commerce, Charity in the Seventeenth Century*, contains the following short biography of Mr. Lounsbury:

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Raymond H. Lounsbury's career indicates a man of many interests and talents, Receiving a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University in 1929, he has taught Economics at Cornell, Lawrence College, the University of Illinois, Alfred University, Russell Sage College and Dartmouth College. After his retirement as a professor in 1952, he became a dairy farmer and certified seed grower in Bridport, Vermont.

In addition to the above interest, he has become involved in historical, biographical and genealogical research. His interest in the Pennoyer brothers was first aroused when he discovered that he was entitled to the Pennoyer Scholarship at Harvard by right of inheritance.

Mr. Lounsbury is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Sigma Rho; he is former president of the Bridport chapter of the New England Milk Producers Association and a former member of the board of directors of the Champlain Valley Seed Growers Cooperative. He and his wife Lucille, have to children.

*Pennoyer Brothers – Colonization, Commerce, Charity in the Seventeenth Century* is Mr. Lounsbury's first published book-length work.

Sadly, Raymond passed away in 1997. This book and the short research booklet *Lounsbury: Origin, Meaning and Significance* are still available for \$20 and \$10 respectively (postpaid to US addresses) through Raymond's son John B. Lounsbury at:

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