

The Lounsbury Tree

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Welcome – Reunion 2003 is Set!

Hello, everyone, and welcome to the latest issue of The Lounsbury Tree. It has been a full year since an issue was published – no 2002 issues were published. For this issue, I have had incredibly generous contributions from Bill Mac Donald, who normally contributes much but this time contributed virtually the entire issue. Bill is a tremendous asset to the L community – a tireless and dedicated worker with a great sense of humor, too.

In addition to his work putting together the content of this issue, Bill also has been busy helping to plan the **2003 International Lounsbury Reunion**. The plans came together as winter drew to a close, and Bill has provided them to me. The reunion will be held August 15, 16, and 17 2003 at the Backus Heritage Conservation Area in Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada. More information is provided on the last page of this issue.

Those of you who are new to the Tree and to the extended Lounsbury family may not know that the International Reunion has been held twice before, in 1993 in Bolivar, New York and in 1998 in Greenville, New York. It's a chance for Lounsburies to meet, swap family stories, learn about their genealogy, and have some fun.

As we experience turbulence and uncertainty in the world, family can be a source of comfort and stability. Please consider joining your extended family for the reunion!

I hope you enjoy this issue.



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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.

Queries

November 8, 2002 from Bob Presley

Looking for info on Dr. H. **LOUNSBURY**, who married my great grand aunt Catherine Elizabeth **PRESLEY**, both family's started in NY, Ontario Canada, and Michigan. Dr. Lounsbury and Catherine ended up on Point Pelee Ontario, his picture is still on a wine bottle today.

Email: jarheadpresley@hotmail.com

October 27, 2002 from Colin Lounsberry

Am interested in information of the various L families.since my grandmother Melva **LOUNSBERRY** passed away, information and contact with other Ls has been sparse.

203 W. Lake, Alpena, MI 49707

Email: colinlounsberry@netscape.net

October 7, 2002 from Erin Wohler

I'm looking for info on Peter **LOUNSBERRY** (b. May 12, 1799 at Marbletown, NY d. April 4, 1867 at Motts Corner-Brooktondale, NY). He married an H. **CONTINE** on June 21, 1824 at Ulster County, NY. Their daughter was Maria Catherine Launsberry (b.Sept. 1, 1825 at Ulster County, NY d.Jan. 12, 1893 at Danby, NY). She married Moses **DENMAN** Sept. 30, 1846 at Brooktondale, NY. Their son was a Richard Launsberry Denman.

Email: erinissuper@yahoo.com

September 30, 2002 from Courtney Lounsbury

I am trying to continue the work of my great Aunt Helen in researching my genealogy. I've got my lineage back to Richard and a few of the branches off, but had to stop when I lost my connection to the net. Now that I have gotten back online, I am trying to continue once more. Information about all Lounsbury lines would be appreciated.

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Los Alamos, NM 87544

Email: spirit_rebelious@softhome.net

Obituaries

LOUNSBURY Peacefully at Clinton Public Hospital on Monday, February 25, 2002. **Lloyd William Lounsbury** of Goderich in his 74th year. Beloved husband of Jean (Steep). Much loved father of Gary (Taf) of Point Edward, Tracy of Goderich, Doug - (Stephanie) of Georgetown, Grant (Kris) of Phoenix. Loving step-father of Sandra (Bob) Hayter of Varna, Steven (Diana) Steep of Seaforth.-Cherished grandfather of Adam, Nick and Ryan Lounsbury, Natasha Godfrey, soon to be born grandchild, Jeff and Jason Hayter, Joanne Otterbein, Kimberly, Nicole and Samuel Steep. Also sadly missed by four great-grandchildren. Survived by a brother Raymond (Marie) Lounsbury and sister Barbara (Harry) Webster and four, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Charles and Florence Lounsbury and grandson Jamie Hayter. The family will receive friends at the McCallum & Palla Funeral Home, Cambria Road at

East Street, Goderich on Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 P.M. Funeral Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday morning at 11:00. Donations to Clinton Public Hospital Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society or charity of your choice gratefully acknowledged.

TURNER: Jean - a resident of Chatham died at Copper Terrace Nursing Home on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at the age of 82. Born in Windsor, daughter of the late John and Lily (Littlejohn) Lounsbury. Beloved wife of the late Nelson Turner (1998). Dear mother of George Turner of Chatham and the late Joseph Turner (1999). Mother-in-law of Brenda Turner. Grandmother of 4 and Great Grandmother of 7. Sister of the late Christina Lounsbury, Phyllis Moore, Margret Watson, Rita Shepley, Ida Buller, Jack and Lloyd Lounsbury. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at the Funeral Home, 459 St. Clair Street, Chatham on Friday 7:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral Services from the Funeral Home on Saturday, March 2, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Maple Leaf Cemetery, Chatham. Donations to Ontario Heart & Stroke Foundation appreciated.

Marjorie Idella Lounsbury (LACHAPELLE)

Marjorie I. LaChapelle passed away on January 9, 2003, at the age of 72 years in Windsor at the Windsor Regional Hospital - Prince Road Campus. Loving wife of Leo. Predeceased by her parents Floyd and Olive Lounsbury. Loving mother to the late Brian (1991), a wife Sue LaChapelle of Belle River, Karen Renaud of Essex, Ken and wife Sue of Essex, and Sharon and Ian McLeay of Corunna. Proud grandmother to Melany, Melissa, Alicia, Cassy, Raymond, Stacey, Scott and Craig. Also survived by one brother Ross and wife Marjorie Lounsbury. Predeceased by three brothers. Visiting at Ostrander's Funeral Home, 43 Bidwell Street, Tillsonburg, on Sunday, January 12, 2003, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Memorial service to be held in the Funeral Home at 4:00 p.m. Reverend Margaret Murray officiating. Cremation has taken place. Private family burial to take place on Monday. Memorial donations to the Windsor Regional Cancer Centre, 2220 Kildare Road, Windsor, Ontario N8W 2X3, would be greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences will be received at www.funeral-cast.com

LOUNSBURY - Mary (May). Passed away peacefully at Petrolia Memorial Hospital on June 16, 2002. May Lounsbury, 83 years of age, dear wife of the late Mack Lounsbury, dear mother of Don and his wife Paula, Simcoe, Doug and his wife Susan, Welland, and Rick and his wife Teresa, Sarnia. Dear sister of Fred and his wife Joan Potts, Ottawa and Robert Potts and his wife Shirley, Winnipeg. Dear sister-in-law of Harold Force. Predeceased by her sisters Jean Cromwell, Dorothy Force, Margaret Hall, and her brother Matthew Potts. Beloved grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lounsbury will be resting at the Dale Lounsbury Funeral Home, 1766 Franklin Boulevard, Cambridge (519) 658-9366 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday. The funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday afternoon at 2 P.M. Those who wish may make donations to a charity of their choice.

LOUNSBURY - Bruce Lounsbury of Tillsonburg passed away at the Alexandra Hospital in Ingersoll on Saturday, June 29, 2002 in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Eileen (Ebert) Lounsbury. Dear father of Bob Lounsbury & his wife Sandra of Rosedale, B.C., Wayne Lounsbury of Tillsonburg, Cathy Breddy of Tillsonburg and Brian Lounsbury of Tillsonburg. Sadly missed by 6 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Also survived by 1 brother; Ross Lounsbury & his wife Marjorie of Tillsonburg and 1 sister; Marjorie Lachapelle & her husband Leo of Windsor. Predeceased by his parents Floyd & Olive Lounsbury and 2 brothers Reggie & Mack. Friends will be received at the Ostrander's Funeral Home, Tillsonburg for visitation on Monday, July 1, 2002, from 2-4 & 7-9 pm where the funeral service will be held in the chapel on Tuesday, July 2, 2002 at 2:00 pm with Rev. Margaret Murray officiating. Interment in the Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Avondale-Zion United Church or to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

LANSBURY, Roger A. - Peacefully, at the Parkview Nursing Centre, Hamilton, Ontario, on Saturday, October 11, 1997. Roger Alexander Lansbury, of Burlington, age 81 years. Sadly missed by his wife Doreen Harte, son Michael and daughter-in-law Lori, daughter Jane and Peter, grandchildren, Andrew, Lauren and Elizabeth and nephews, Jon and Paul Scott. Predeceased by his sister Muriel Scott. Mr. Lansbury was a Veteran of World War II having served

with the Calgary Tanks in Italy where he was seriously injured. He also was a member of the War Amputations of Canada. Cremation. Private Interment at St. Matthew's Anglican Churchyard, Burlington. If desired, expressions of sympathy to the War Amps "Champs" Program, 1 Maybrook Drive, Scarborough, Ontario M1V 5K9. (Arrangements entrusted to SMITH'S FUNERAL HOME, BURLINGTON 632-3333). "At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them"

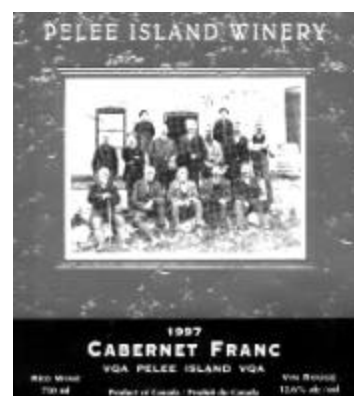
LOUNSBURY, Ransom Nelson - Peacefully, with family by his side, at St. Peter's Hospital on Monday, September 6, 1999, in his 95th year. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Cantelo. Special friend of the late Doris Chambers. Loved brother of Kathleen Mackid, George Lounsbury and Connie and her husband Cyril Lewis. Fondly remembered by his brother-in-law Ron Bertram. Predeceased by his sisters, Gladys Brunton, Ethel McIntosh, Dora Bertram and Ruth Calladine. Cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to the staff of 4 West of St. Peter's Hospital for their care and compassion. Those of us who loved him will treasure memories of this kind and gentle man. A Service of Remembrance will be held at the DONALD V. BROWN FUNERAL HOME, 36 Lake Avenue Dr., Stoney Creek on Wednesday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation has taken place. Interment will take place at a later date at Waterford Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family

LOUNSBURY At Parkwood Hospital, London on Monday, November 8, 1999. E. Jack Lounsbury formerly of Woodstock in his 77th year. Beloved husband of the late Janet Agnes Lounsbury (nee Lawrie). Dear father of Sharron Tizzard and her husband John, Jolene Downing and her husband Paul all of Woodstock, Jeff of Salford. Loved grandfather of Erin and Jessica Tizzard, Nicole and Ashley Downing, Mandy and Luke Lounsbury. Dear brother of Betty Pringle of Woodstock. Predeceased by a daughter Candace and a brother Edward. Jack served during WWII in the U.S. Army Air Force, was involved as a leader of Boy Scouts of Canada for over 30 years as well as a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Friends may call at the R.D. Longworth Funeral Home, 845 Devonshire Ave., Woodstock (539-0004) Thursday 2-4 & 7-9 PM where the complete funeral service will be held Friday at 1:30 PM with Rev. Darrell Shaule officiating. Interment Presbyterian Cemetery. Contributions to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or Parkwood Hospital would be appreciated.

Wanderings

Dr. Henry Alvin Lounsbury and the Pelee Island Winery

The inquiry submitted by Bob Presley started an email correspondence the result of which we not only provided Bob with some information but also received much information in return. Bob's great-aunt Catherine Presley married Dr. Lounsbury, she died 16 April 19000 on Pelee Island. Pelee Island is the southernmost place in Canada. It is an island in Lake Erie and is part of the province of Ontario. It is understood that he was one of the founders of a winery and he is one of the person's in the label below. He is the second from the right in the front row. He was born on the 5th of March, 1864 and died on the 29th of December, 1916. He is a descendant of Robert Lounsbury mentioned elsewhere in this issue of the Tree.



Canadian World War I Enlistment Papers

The National Archives of Canada has posted brief information from the enlistment papers of those joining the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in the First World War. They are also in the process of scanning in copies of these papers. These papers contain much interesting and relevant information, including date and place of birth, address at enlistment, next of kin, and their address, trade, weight, marital status, height and religion, and a copy of their signature. Of some interest are:

Frank Wolsey Lounsbury, address- 97 Springfield St., Dayton, Ohio, USA; born Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He lists his next of kin as his brother Frederick J. Lounsbury, at the same Dayton address. He was born October 5, 1873, his trade as a wheel maker and his marital status as a widower. He enlisted in the Canadian Engineers and his regimental number was 2011983. He was five foot six and one-half inches tall. His religion was Presbyterian and his hair grey. He enlisted August 17, 1918

Albert Joseph Lounsbury. Address 1744 Fulton Road Rd., Cleveland, Ohio. He states that he was born in Toronto, Ontario. He apparently listed his next of kin as Joseph Waddell Lounsbury at the Cleveland address. This is stroked out and replaced with mother Mrs Catherine Lounsbury; her address is Prospect Ave., New York City., His birth date is Aug 18th, 1887. His trade as electrician. He enlisted on December 29th, 1917 at London, Ontario. His religion is listed as Presbyterian. He enlisted in the Machine Gun Corps. His regimental number was 2355960.

On the same day as the previous person a **Joseph Lounsbury**, address Detroit, Michigan, born Toronto, Ontario, enlisted. His trade was also electrician. Born February 9th, 1886. He listed his next of kin as Frank Lounsbury, 911 Prospect Ave., New York City. He, however, listed his religion as Roman Catholic. He had an interesting number of distinctive marks. On his chest were American flags and eagle, on his left arm; Flying Girl; North and South America; Anchor and ship; Right arm Flag and shield, girl in box; square rig ship. Was he related or is their just several coincidences?

The web site for accessing these papers is:

National Archives of Canada Attestation Papers
http://www.archives.ca/08/08_e.html

The Bismarck Tribune Bismarck, D.T., Apr. 11, 1877

Richard Martin and James O'Brien had some words last Friday, and Morgan fired a gun loaded with buckshot at O'Brien the charge taking effect in his left breast and arm, inflicting a serious wounds. This affair occurred on Agard's bottom. - *Bismarck Tribune*

We believe it to be a conceded fact that Col. Lounsbury is one of the best descriptive writers in America, but in the above item we are inclined to think he has drawn it rather strong. You know, Col., as well as we do, that Agard is a little fellow, and that there is hardly room for two men on that claim. Had it been Judge Davis, instead of Agard, we wouldn't have questioned the statement. - *Wells Gazette*

Fairbanks Daily Times Fairbanks Alaska, Nov 11 1912

Lounsbury Leaves for Copper River Engineer Creek Man Plans to do Assessment Work on Holdings

George Lounsbury left Friday for the coast with his dog team. He plans to meet Harry Cleveland on the trail and together they will go into the Copper river country, where they will do assessment work on the holdings, as well as a little prospecting. Lounsbury plans to be gone for a few months.

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Address: **C. A. Lounsberry,**
Bismarck, Dakota Territory.

Who is Alice Lounsbury?

For the garden is not only a place in which to make things grow and to display the beautiful flowers of the earth, but a place that should accord with the various moods of its admirers. It should be a place in which to hold light banter, a place in which to laugh, and, besides, should have a hidden corner in which to weep. But above all, perhaps, it should be a place of sweet scent and sentiment.

from *Gardens Near the Sea* by Alice Lounsbury, 1910

Around 1900 a series of books were published. The author was Alice Lounsbury and the books were illustrated by Ellis Rowan. These books although no longer in print are still actively traded on eBay. Some sources suggest that she lived from 1858 to 1922. Who was she, was this her maiden or married name?

Sandusky Star Journal, Sandusky, Ohio, 8 Oct 1907

The Land of the Garden of Allah by Alice Lounsbury; account of a trip taken by two women through North Africa from Tunis to Algiers.

A Guide to the Trees; Lounsbury, Alice; Rowan, Ellis, 1858-1922. 461 pages. (Toronto: W. Briggs, c1900.)

Nevada State Journal

Reno, Nevada, 18 January 1913

TRAIN BANDIT FOUND GUILTY

Insanity Plea of Wells Lounsbury Disregarded by Jury

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan 17 – Wells Lounsbury of Medford, Ore. Who last August robbed a mail car on a Union Pacific overland train between Kansas City and Lawrence, Kan., was found guilty today In the federal court in Kansas City. Kan.

The verdict was returned on one count, According to the instruction of the court each count calls for a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. Sentence was deferred.

The plea of the defense was insanity. The government introduced expert (witnesses) as well as citizens of Medford, Lounsbury's home, to refute that plea.

Lounsbury held up six mall clerks, forcing one to bind the others and blindfold them. After rifling the registered mail sacks and placing the loot in a bag he stepped off the train at Lawrence, boarded it again a moment later and hid In a Pullman berth, where he was captured by the conductor and detectives as the train entered Topeka.

Note: The defendants wife and two children of Medford, and his father, E. A. Lounsbury of Washington, D.C. attended the trial.

Note: The Fairbanks Daily Times, Fairbanks, Alaska, January 18, 1913 said that the only act of Lounsbury indicating mental unbalance was that he permitted officers to catch him.

Manitoba Daily Free Press, 22 Feb 1890

Treherne, Manitoba – Feb. 20

Municipal Councilor John Lounsbury arrived back last night. He has been on a visit to his old home in Ontario and also took in parts of the U.S., but he says Manitoba “beats them all.”

Naugatuck Daily News

Naugatuck, CT 4 Jun 1897

A horse attached to a wagon owned by a milkman named Lounsbury ran away this morning about five o'clock and was stopped on Main Street by George May. The animal succeeded in wrecking the wagon before being caught.

Naugatuck Daily News,

Naugatuck, CT 1 Oct 1897

Yale College Opened

Yale opened it 198th year yesterday.

Dr. W. L. Cross, who temporarily succeeds Prof. Lounsbury in the Sheffield school, is the only new professor in that department.

From The Washington Post

Saturday, July 14, 1923

<p>ASSISTANT APPOINTED FOR ST. MARGARET'S</p> <p>The Rev. Harold V. O. Lounsbury to Aid Dr. Smith, Rector of Church.</p> <p>Announcement has been made that, with the approval of the vestry, the Rev. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal church, has appointed the Rev. Harold V. O. Lounsbury to be assistant minister, beginning October 1.</p> <p>Mr. Lounsbury is a native of Washington, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lounsbury, who reside in Cleveland Park. He was graduated from St. Albans' school in 1914 and received the degree of B. A. from St. Stephen's college in 1918. Three years later he finished a special course in the Virginia Theological seminary. He was ordained a deacon on June 11, 1922, by Bishop Harding, and served for a year in Holy Trinity parish, Prince Georges county, Md., having direct charge of St. James' chapel, Bowie, where he has been very successful in building up a live church.</p> <p>Mr. Lounsbury was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church at the recent service held in the Bethlehem chapel of the cathedral.</p>	<p>AT ST. MARGARET'S</p>  <p>THE REV. HAROLD VAN OLINDO LOUNSBURY assistant rector at St. Margaret's Episcopal church, of which the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, D. D., is rector.</p>
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The Pieces of a Puzzle

Recently the pieces of a puzzle fell together. There were three pieces to this puzzle.

One of these pieces was the Bill Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program at Ellicottville, New York. The Program is named in memory of Bill Lounsbury, a Holiday Valley ski patroller who lost one leg to cancer. Bill fought back, returned to skiing on one leg (using outriggers, crutches with ski tips on the bottom) and resumed his ski patrol duties. He was an inspiration to skiers until his death at age 45. What was his connection to the Lounsbury family?

A second piece of the puzzle was a photograph which appeared in a Canadian Military magazine from the 1960's, which showed two Lounsbury girls Barbara and Joan, which photograph we reprinted in the tree.

The third piece was an obituary in The London (Ontario) Free Press. The obituary was for an Irvine T. Lounsbury, who died in London on the 27th of July 1990. This obituary did list two daughters, Barbara and Joan, and a son, William. There the matter lay until late last year when an email was received from Shannon Calladine, who is another Lounsbury researcher, then the pieces fell together. This email was part of her correspondence with Barbara Curtis (nee Lounsbury) and contained what Barbara knew about her Lounsbury past.

The girls and Bill Lounsbury were the children of Irvine Townsend Lounsbury. (*WILLIAM ANDREW, TOWNSEND, JOHN WESLEY, TOWNSEND, ROBERT, ISAAC, ISAAC, JOHN, RICHARD¹ LOUNSBERRY,*) Irvine was born 1905, and died 27 July 1990 in St. Joseph's Health Care Centre, London, Ont. He was predeceased by his wife Anne Daniels. He was buried in Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. He was a well driller by profession and in retirement worked as a guide with an exclusive duck hunting club at Long Point, Ontario with a ten thousand acre hunting preserve.

Barbara and Joan were champion baton twirlers and after that they signed contracts, at one time or another, with the CBC, NBC, BBC and NHK in Japan. They traveled all over the world doing shows for the United Nations, NATO and Canadian and American Armed Forces. They did this from 1960 - 1967, at which time they were caught in the Gaza strip when the six day war broke out. They appeared with Bob Hope and also on the Ed Sullivan show. They retired in 1967 and Barbara, a widow, lives in Montreal while Joan married and raised her family in Maryland.

Further information on the Bill Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program can be found at the following web site:

<http://members.rogers.com/lounsbury-program/>

THE ROBERT LOUNSBURY MYSTERY

The ancestry of Robert⁵ LOUNSBURY has been well established for some years. He is descended from Richard¹ LOUNSBURY and his wife Elizabeth PENNOYER through their second son John² LOUNSBURY and his wife Anne GUION of Rye, Westchester County, NY. The baptism at Rye on 11 Oct 1703 of Isaac³ LOUNSBURY, eldest son of John² and Anne, is recorded. Isaac³ and his wife Sarah CLOSE had an eldest son Isaac⁴, who was born probably in Rye about 1728. Isaac⁴ was a Quaker who settled in what is now the town of Carmel, Putnam County, NY, but which was at the time in the South Precinct of Dutchess County. On 27 Aug 1766, Robert⁵ was born to Isaac⁴ and his wife Deborah SMITH. This date was recorded on the flyleaf of a book of the writings of George Fox, as is reported in an article by W. S. Pelletreau in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volume 17, page 280.

About 1789, Robert⁵ married Elizabeth PINCKNEY. She was a daughter of Gilbert and Sybil (Townsend) PINCKNEY of Somers, Westchester County, NY. Andrew MacEwen cites "Andrew Warde and His Descendants" by George K. Ward, New York (1910), page 91, as the source for her birth date, 11 Sept 1767. At some time during the 1790's, Robert and Elizabeth migrated to the Province of Upper Canada, now Ontario, and settled west of Niagara Falls in the section between Lakes Erie and Ontario. The writer has not searched the records in Ontario that may bear on Robert's residence there. He moved his family, or part of it, back to New York State between mid 1811 and mid 1815. This move may have some connection with the War of 1812.

On 31 Aug 1815, Robert⁵ purchased from the Holland Land Company an undeveloped tract of 240 acres, more or less, at the eastern edge of the town of Alexander, Genesee County, along the Little Tonawanda Creek. (Genesee County Deeds, Liber S, page 66). While he was still a Canadian resident on 20 July, 1811, Robert had prepared and signed a will that was

eventually recorded in Genesee County Wills Book 1, page 228. This document shows that Robert was well-to-do. First he names his wife Elizabeth and nine children, apparently in the order of their birth: Nancy, Townsend, Deborah, Isaac, John, Zebee (later Sebe or Sybil), Caroline, Rodolphus, and Julia. Perhaps there were other children who had died before July 1811 and whose names were omitted as a consequence. All these children, with the possible exception of Nancy, were under age in 1811. (A chart sent to Andrew MacEwen by Valerie (Lounsbury) Grady in July 1980 shows four children only of Robert: Robert, Mary, Sarah, and Townsend. There is a discrepancy between Robert's will and her chart that needs evaluation.) The provisions of this will were notable. Townsend was to inherit the home farm in the township of Gainsborough, County of Lincoln, and was to pay his brothers 100 pounds. Isaac was to receive two large farms of several hundred acres in nearby townships. John was named for a 600-acre farm, and Rodolphus two farms of 200 and 100 acres, respectively. Each daughter was to get 100 pounds. The will was witnessed by J. Kennedy and Townsend Lounsbury, and the executors were to be Elizabeth and Townsend Lounsbury.

Whatever happened to Robert⁵ that made him leave all this to settle on 240 acres of uncleared land, it seems likely that Townsend⁶ stayed in Canada and became the ancestor of some of the Lounsburies in that area today. There are no records of Townsend's presence in western New York. Nothing more is heard either of Nancy or Deborah¹.

In 1797 Robert Lounsbury had petitioned for land in Upper Canada (now the Province of Ontario) he claimed to have been a resident for five years and to be a loyal subject of the king. He was granted land and there may have been other petitions

The mystery as outlined by John in the earlier paragraphs is why did he leave. The timing would tend to indicate a connection with the war of 1812-14.

For many years the descendants of the children who remained in Canada were not aware of Robert's children who went with Robert to the United States.

The in the NOTES from Niagara, the Niagara Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society newsletter of November 2001 and February 2002 a possible answer appeared.

In these newsletters were articles entitled THE LARGER STORY A History Point of View by Murray McCombs. These subject of these articles was the Ancaster Assizes sometimes known as "The Bloody Assizes."

In the early months of 1813, a special court was held at Ancaster to investigate several local residents accused of pro-American sympathies during a time of war with the Americans. This court was presided over by Chief Justice Thomas Scott and made legal history when it eventually executed eight men for high treason. On July 20, 1814 the sentence was carried out on a gallows constructed near what is now the southern-most boundary of the current cemetery near York Boulevard and Dundurn Street. Where their bodies were eventually laid to rest is not known

During the 1814 campaigns there had been further examples of sympathy for and co-operation with the enemy on the part of American-born residents of the province. In May nineteen of those who had been caught were brought to trial at Ancaster; fifteen were convicted, of whom eight were hanged. Indictments were also obtained against seventy former residents who had left the province. As a further move against such people the legislature passed an act in March 1814, providing for legal action to seize the lands of persons who had voluntarily withdrawn into the United States, without licence from the government. All of this made for a rather ugly atmosphere at times, providing opportunities for accusations which originated out of personal spite as well as from concern over treason and disaffection

While Mr. McCombs in his article is primarily concerned with his ancestors and the question of since they were Quakers they would not be able to take an oath on the bible.

In his article McCombs mentions that Robert Lounsbury was acquitted. Is this our Robert? It appears highly probable although research of the Ontario Archives to see if any further light can be shed on the person.

Subsequent to these assizes it appears that the government wished to just forget this unfortunate event in Canada's history. They were not many newspapers in what was then Upper Canada at this time.

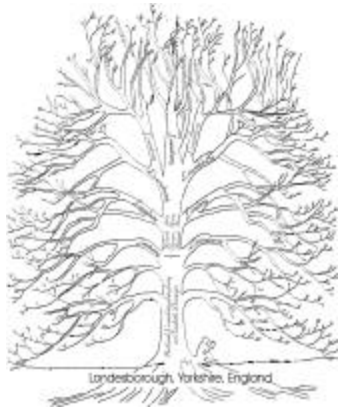
One of the parties convicted and the drawn and quartered was one Adam Crysler. There appears to be some possibility that Robert Lounsbury and Crysler knew each other. Crysler came from New York State, his ancestors were Palatine Germans. Subsequently some Cryslers married Lounsburies.

The sentence, if convicted and carried out was to be,

"The law demands, and the sentence is that you shall be drawn to the place of execution where you must be hanged by the neck, but not until you are dead, for you must be cut doom alive and your bowels taken out and burned before your face (on your still being alive). Then your head must be severed from your body which must be divided into four parts, and your head and quarters to be at the King's disposal. And may God have mercy on your soul."

IN SHORT, the sentence was hanging, drawing and quartering.

¹ The foregoing paragraphs are from John Freund's excellent paper.



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