Hello and Welcome!

It has been over a year since an episode of this newsletter was published. Continuing demands on my time, in my family and professional lives, have contributed to my shutting down production of the Tree regularly. I would like to renew my call for someone organized and with some spare time: please contact me if you are interested in assuming publishing responsibilities for the Tree. I am afraid that a great institution, published regularly for over twenty years by Marie Loumsbury and Al Lounsbury, is in danger of losing its importance and impact if it remains with me.
To everyone who subscribes and continues to express an interest in receiving the Tree: Thank you! Your enthusiasm, your personal stories, and your encouragement are inspirational.

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Lounsbury Lingo

You will notice a wide variety of surname spellings associated with the Lounsbury Tree. The most common spelling is “Lounsbury” though “Lounsberry” and “Lounsbery” are also prevalent. In 99% of researched cases, Canadians and Americans with these surname spellings are linked by common ancestors: Richard Lounsbury and Elizabeth (Pennoyer) Lounsbury of what is now Rye, NY, who were married there in 1670.

There are many other surname variations who fit our extended family tree, including Lansbury (though apparently not the famous actress Angela Lansbury), Lainspeary, and Lonsberry.

For simplicity, we use the letter “L” to denote the surname regardless of its spelling. Hence the phrasing “L” Tree at the top of this page.

Contributing

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.

“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.jurista.com/jurista/Lounsbery

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@jurista.com. You can reach the editor personally at jim@jurista.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.

From The Mailbag

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
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I will ensure that your response is forwarded appropriately.

August 5, 2003 from Kerry
Is anyone familiar with a Matthew LOUNSBERRY Sr. from the Netherlands, married Marry WAGON?
Email: olivap416@webtv.net

December 8, 2003 from Crystal Collins
My great, great grandfather was George Washington LOUNSBERRY, and he married Rosa Bell RHYAN. They had a daughter Ethel who married Caleb GREENLEE. They had a son whose name was Harmon Greenlee who married Helen Cooley. The Caleb Greenlees lived in West Terre Haute Indiana and Harmon Greenlee lived most of the time in Dennison, Illinois. I believe all them are buried in the cemetery down the road in Dennison. Harmon Greenlee and Helen had a daughter Barbara who is my mom. I would like to know more about the family. [...] I wish I had time to research all my family surnames. Thanks for any info you have.

Crystal Collins
7307 Lyrewood Ln. Apt 759
Oklahoma City, OK 73132
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January 9, 2004 from Anne Fisher
Hello! I am searching for a history of Lounsbury & Sons Co. (ice company, later construction), of Westchester County NY.

I would like to hear from anyone who may have records or other information on the business.

Anne Fisher
P.O. Box 249
Narrowsburg, NY 12764
Email: abfisher@citlink.net

April 12, 2004 from Amy Louise Carter
I am the grand daughter of Edith Mildfred LOUNSBURY married to James Nathaniel CARTER in MA. My dad was Willis McFee Carter. So, I am interested in the family geneology. Am hoping to go the next reunion.
I have an old picture of my grand mother with her brothers from Canada. There are only 4 in the picture but my mom thinks there were actually 6 brothers, Arthur, Frank, Fred, Alexander, Lonnie and Albert. Any ideas?
Any info that could be passed on to me would be helpful. Thank you!!

Amy Louise Carter
134 1/2 Main Street
Norwalk CT 06851
Email: alc332@aol.com

April 30, 2004 from Colin Lounsberry
Has anybody ever heard of Lounsberry, NY? I was wondering if anybody had some information on the its history.
May 3, 2004 from George Davis

Looking for info on Mary Jane LOUNSBURY born abt 1946 who worked in the Ottawa region circa 1967.

Email: gdmail@sympatico.ca

July 1, 2004 from Susan Plaske

Looking for Mabel LOUNSBERRY, died approx. 1933. Mabel AHL married to Peter Ahl?

Email: susanplaske@hotmail.com

July 14, 2004 from Mary Kay Weatherup

All I know is my grandfather Marshal LOUNSBURY died on aug 20, 1956 He had lived in Black River, NY and married Laura KELLY not sure what year. They had 4 children Kathryn , Mary Veronica, Jack, and William.

Mary Kay Weatherup
139 North Ridge Drive
Central Square, NY 13036
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Lounsbury News

William (Spike) Lounsberry
From: The Bronx and its People: A History, 1609-97
New York, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1927

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The cannon taken to Kingsbridge on the arrival of the news from Lexington, numbering probably two hundred and fifty all told, were of all sizes, shapes, qualities and materials: brass, bronze and iron; good bad and indifferent. They were stored at several places, fifty or more at John William’s, later Williamsbridge, probably one hundred at Valentine’s Hill, others at the northern end of Manhattan. They were not guarded in any way, so that any one who wished to injure them could do so with impunity. On January 17, 1776, most of them were found spiked, while others were choked with stones, and all of them in unserviceable condition. Suspicion fell on the Tories of Westchester, Eastchester, West Farms, and Yonkers, but an inquiry placed the deed upon John Fowler and William Lounsberry of Mamaroneck, both of whom were imprisoned. The purchase of a quantity of rat-tail files led to their conviction. Jacamiah Allen was employed to unspike the guns at a cost of 20 shillings a gun.

Editor’s Comment: It appear that Spike and the boys worked up a little courage on the way to and from attending to the cannon if the report in Historical Landmarks of New Rochelle published under the auspices of the Huguenot and Historical Association by New Rochelle Trust Company, New Rochelle, N.Y. in 1938 is correct. On pages 85 and 86 there is an article on the Badeau-Williams Tavern which opened in 1766, John Gedney bought it in 1773 and was its proprietor at the opening of the Revolutionary War.

Gedney was a Tory, and it was here, on the night of January 16-17, 1776, that a party of Tories from Mamaroneck, led by William Lounsbury of that place, stopped on their way to Williams Bridge to carry out their plot to spike the cannon that had been stored there by authority of the Provincial Congress. The expedition was a success, but the night was bitter cold, and so much good cheer was found at Gedney's house that a stop was made there both going and coming.

This affair got Gedney into trouble. Lounsbury and his accomplices were arrested, taken before the Committee of Safety in New York and there imprisoned. Gedney was taken before the local Committee of Safety on January 26, 1776. The Committee held its sessions at the Besly Tavern on the corner of the Boston Post Road, and, after a hearing, Gedney was paroled to appear before the Committee of Safety in New York. Later in the year, he joined the British at the time of the battle of White Plains, and finally went to New York City and remained within the British lines until he died.
Steps were soon taken to confiscate his tavern and other property, and later it was obtained by Captain (later Lt. Colonel) Daniel Williams, an active patriot, who reopened the tavern after the war and conducted it for a long time. Town meetings were held here for a number of years. In 1798 the house is shown in the picture of the present Huguenot Street as the house of John Badeau, it seems, the same who had previously owned it.

The McDonald Papers – Volume V, Part II, Edited by William S. Hadaway, published for Westchester County by the Westchester County Historical Society, White Plains, N.Y., 1927

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THE FIRST BLOOD SHED IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the latter part of September 1775 some British vessels of war came up the east river and lay off Suttons (now called Delancy's Neck) at Mamaroneck, it was suspected with a view to land and plunder. The militia of the lower part of the County, who were called out to rendezvous at Mamaroneck under the command of Major Gen’l Lewis Morris. While there, information was obtained that William Lounsberry who had lately left Mamaroneck (where he had resided for a long time) and gone to the enemy, was out with Enlisting Orders, enlisting men out of the militia there assembled, to join the enemy, and was secreted in the rocks in what was called the great lots west of Mamaroneck village. About 20 men were selected to go and capture him and his recruits. One of the party that went from Mamaroneck was a Capt. John Floods who for several years had sailed a market sloop from that place, and resided within half a mile of Lounsberry's residence. When the party came near, Lounsberry fired upon them but did no injury; some of the party returned the fire and wounded one Bloomer Nelson in the knee. Lounsberry ran off, Floods singled him out, pursued, came up with him, and ordered him to surrender, he refused and fought Floods with his gun. Floods run him through with his bayonet, and in his breeches pocket were found his enlisting Orders – Samuel Haines, Jacob Schureman, Joseph Turner & Bloomer Nelson were taken prisoners. Lounsberry was the first person killed in Westchester County.

Obituaries

GRADY, Valerie (LOUNSBURY)

Of Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania passed away on Friday, September 17, 2004. Beloved wife of George C. Grady. Loving mother to Leslie Grady of California, Kimberly Walsh of Toronto and Dr. John M. Grady of Pennsylvania, sister of Joyce VonDenBaumen of Oakville. Grand-mother of eight grandchildren. A Memorial Service at St. James Anglican Church, 137 Melville Street, Dundas, Saturday, October 9 at 2 p.m.

NOTE: Valerie’s family line VALERIE1 LOUNSBURY (JAMES MARSHALLA, MARSHALL HENRYB, JAMES MARSHALLC, MOSES, TOWNSENDD, ROBERTF, ISAACG, ISAACH, JOHNH, RICHARDJ LOUNSBERRY, RICHARDK LOWNSBOROUGH

FLORENCE LOUISE LOUNSBERRY-SHAW

July 27, 1912 - September 21, 2004

Florence Louise Lounsbery-Shaw, 92, of Acampo, CA, passed away at home with her family at her side, on September 21, 2004. She was born July 27, 1912 in Boulder, Colorado, daughter of Joseph "Shorty" Hurd (of Devon, England) and Annetta Van Alstein (Binkleman, Nebraska). Florence attended Colorado schools until she received a full art scholarship to Los Angeles Art Center. While in art school, Florence worked as a color artist at Harmon-Ising Studios and married John Lounsbery, a Disney animator, on December 7, 1935. Together, they raised three children on a small ranch in Chatsworth, California. John passed away February 13, 1976. After rekindling a friendship from their teens, Florence married Melvin Shaw, design artist and Disney animation story director, at his home in Malibu, CA on Thanksgiving day, 1985. Florence and Melvin enjoyed almost 20 years filled with art, world travel, alpine skiing and family activities. Her lifelong interest in art and architecture was evident in the many projects she completed in watercolors, oils, home design, garden design and architecture. She designed and built three custom homes for her family. Mrs. Lounsbery-Shaw is survived by her beloved husband, Melvin Shaw and her loving children, Kenneth Hurd Lounsbery and wife, Dorcas Ann of Escondido, CA, Andrea Heath Gessell and husband,
Glade Beck of Lodi, CA and John Keith Lounsbery and wife Sherree Lee of Simi Valley, CA; her sister, Anna Mae Wing of Rialto, CA and her niece, Vanette Wing of Rialto, CA. She is also survived by loving stepchildren, Rick Shaw and wife, Janet of Woodland Hills, CA and Melissa Deranleau and husband, Charles of Los Angeles, CA; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grand-children.

A private memorial service for family members was held in Acampo, CA and a graveside service and interment was held at Forest Lawn, Hollywood.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family may make donations to Hospice of San Joaquin, 3888 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95204 or to the charity of your choice.

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**Anthony Lounsberry**  
July 13, 1998 — Nov. 10, 2004

Bremerton native **Anthony Edwin Louis Lounsberry**, 6, of Jonesboro, Ga., died Nov. 10 from injuries sustained in a house fire in Jonesboro.

He was born in Bremerton. He enjoyed camping, bike riding, Scooby Doo movies and loved planes and trucks.

Surviving are his mother, Mylinda Kay (Lounsberry) McCullough of Jonesboro; his father, John Louis Dipino of Bremerton; a sister, Kristen Michelle Dipino of Jonesboro; his maternal grandparents, Raymond and Tamara (Lounsberry) Hutton of Bremerton; and his paternal grandparents, John Louis Dipino and Brandy Brinsmead of California.

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**Roger W. Lounsbury**


Born in Coudersport, Potter County, he was a son of the late Alvin and Emily (Bassett) Lounsbury. **Lounsbury** was employed as a security guard by Cochise Contractors, Phoenix, last working Nov. 23.

He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Kutztown. Surviving are a son, Craig A., Shoemakersville; and a daughter, Dona (Lounsbury) Hall, Dallas, Luzerne County.

Other survivors include two brothers, Floyd, Galeton, Porter County, and Raymond, Phoenix. Burial will be in Ulysses Cemetery, Potter County. The Harper Funeral Home, Phoenix, is in charge of arrangements.


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**Grace Cook (LOUNSBURY)**

Grace Cook (LOUNSBURY), wife of Basil, of Oulton St. Moncton, passed away at the Moncton Hospital on Saturday, April 17th, 2004, following a lengthy illness. Born in Sussex, NB, on April 22, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Everett and Myrtle (Brown) Lounsbury. Grace graduated from Teachers College in Fredericton, and taught for many years at the Pleasant Street School in Lewisville. In later years, Grace worked in the family business, Cook's Building Materials Ltd. Killam Dr., Moncton. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Basil Cook, her daughter Heather Beers (Brian) of Moncton, a son Rick (Chantale) of Moncton, granddaughters Sarah and Katie Beers, sister-in-law, Shirley Cook of Halifax, brother-in-law, Watson of Berry Mills, as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by a brother, Fred Lounsbury. The family will receive visitors at Fair Haven Funeral Home on Tuesday April 20th, from 5 - 9 PM. A funeral service, conducted by Fr. Kevin Borthwick will be held on Wednesday, April 21, at 2 PM in the Chapel of Fair Haven Funeral Home, followed immediately by a reception in the Garden View Room. Interment in Fairhaven Memorial Gardens. If desired, donations in memory of Grace may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Fair Haven Funeral Home (852-3530) 1177 Salisbury Road Moncton, in care of arrangements. The family would like to extend their thanks to the many people who helped them with their many acts of kindness during Grace's illness,
Frank Richard Lounsbury

Lounsbury, Frank Richard, 76, of Boca Raton, FL passed away on December 6, 2004. Frank and his family of seven moved to Boca Raton from Cary, NC in 1970. In 1988 he retired after 35 years of working for IBM. Frank is survived by his five children: John T. Lounsbury of Hong Kong, Richard P. Lounsbury and wife Lisa of Stuart, FL, and Douglas A. Lounsbury, Christopher A. Lounsbury and Kathleen E. Emery all of Marietta, GA. He is also survived by his grandchildren: April and Joey Emery, Rachel, Ethan and Katherine Lounsbury and Nicholas and Samantha Lounsbury. He leaves behind his siblings Robert Lounsbury and Patricia Marriott of Connecticut. Frank will be missed by his friends and neighbors of over 35 years. Visiting hours will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 12, 2004 followed by a Funeral Service in celebration of his life at 1:00 p.m. at Babione Funeral Home (east chapel), Boca Raton. After the service there will be a reception beginning at 2:00 p.m at The Radisson Bridge resort. All of Franks friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

Published in the Sun-Sentinel on 12/9/2004.

Editor’s Note: Frank Richard Lounsbury may be the son of Frank Brown and Gertrude Lounsbury. Frank Brown (1894-1973) had sons Robert and Richard and a daughter Patricia who married George Marriott. Does anyone have further information about this family? In the Palm Beach Post of Est Palm Beach, FL on the 10th of December 2004 there is an obituary for a John T. Lounsbury born about 1928, age at death 76 who also died on the 6th of December 2004. Other person mentioned in the obituary were Patricia Marriott, Christopher A. Lounsbury, Katherine Lounsbury, Samantha Lounsbury, Richard P. Lounsbury and Douglas A. Lounsbury. These people are members of Frank Brown’s extended family. Frank Richard has a son John T. but he would be younger.

Alcott G. Lounsbury


Mr. Lounsbury was a retired automotive body worker and painter. He loved to build street rods and show cars and was an avid NASCAR fan.

Survivors include his wife, Janis Armbruster of Dunnellon; daughter, Sara Armbruster of Dunnellon; sisters, Jane Haney of Conn., Dawn Visitini, Vt.; brother, Clifford Lounsbury of Conn.

Brown Funeral Home, Crystal River, provided the information.

Editor’s Note: from the other people mentioned in the obituary he would appear to be the son of Clifford Clarence Lounsbury. Can anyone confirm this?

Nancy L. Lounsbury

DAVIS JUNCTION -- Former Rockford resident Nancy L. Lounsbury, 41, of Davis Junction died at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, in Northwoods Care Center, Belvidere, with family and friends at her bedside. Born Nov. 30, 1962, in Rockford, the daughter of Harold and Catharine (Honaker) Sletten. Married Randy A. Lounsbury Aug. 26, 1983, in Rockford; he predeceased her Dec. 6, 2003. Employed at Chrysler Corporation as an assembler. Was a UAW member. Survivors include daughters, Tori and Brittany, both of Davis Junction; mother, Catharine Beck of Belvidere; father, Harold (Dorothy) Sletten of Rockford; sisters, Kathy (Stuart Meyerson) Massett, Sue Olson and Linda (Radames) Laboy; brothers, Mike (Maryann) Sletten and Dave (Marna) Sletten; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in Honquest Family Funeral Home, North Mulford Chapel, 4205 N. Mulford Road, with the Rev. Dr. William Richard Kerr Sr. of Riverside Community Church officiating. Visitation from 5 p.m. to service time in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to her daughters. Private burial to take place with family. Arrangements provided by Honquest Family Funeral Home.

Editor’s Note: Nancy was predeceased by her husband Randy A. Lounsbury who was the son of George Lounsbury and Frances Hammond
Family Lines

What about my Great-great-great-great Grandpa Robert Lounsbury?
By Bill Mac Donald

Robert Lounsbury was born 27 Aug 1766 in Carmel, Dutchess Co., NY, USA, and died 1821 in Alexander, Genesee Co., NY, USA. He married Elizabeth Pinckney Abt. 1789 in NY, USA, daughter of Gilbert Pinckney and Mary Townsend. She was born 11 Sep 1767 in Somers, Westchester Co., NY, USA, and died 04 Jan 1844 in Alexander, Genesee Co., NY, USA.

The first information which I had on Robert was from a series of publications entitled the Annals of the Forty which a history of Grimsby Township, in Lincoln County in the Province of Ontario, Canada. These publications contained some history of the area and also a number of contributed family histories. The Lounsbury history was contributed by Valerie Lounsbury’s grandfather Marshall Lounsbury. Valerie’s obituary is elsewhere in this issue of the Tree. This history of the Lounsburys contains some errors including that it only lists four children of Robert. These four subsequently appear to be the adult children who remained in Canada. Some of these children served in the militia on the Canadian side.

A paper prepared by John Freund revealed that there was will filed in Genesse County of New York State. The will was dated 20 July 1811, when he was of the Township of Gainsborough in the County of Lincoln and Province of Upper Canada. In it he mentions his wife Elizabeth, and his children Nancy, Townsend, Deborah, Isaac, John, Caroline, Zebec (or Zibe), Rudolphus, and Julia. He leaves his land in Gainsborough to his sons Townsend and Isaac, 600 acres in Darlinton (sic) (District of Newcastle) to John and 200 in Burford to Rudolphus, as well as 100 pounds to each of his four daughters.

On 31 Aug 1815, Robert 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 return to New York State raised the question of why he did. It was not uncommon for people to do so at the time of the War of 1812 when they felt that their greater loyalty lay in the US but Robert’s move may have been after the war was over. In the Gazeteer and Biographical Record of Genesee County, NY 1788 – 1890 Edited by F. W. Beers, Syracuse, J. W. Vose & Co., Publishers, June, 1890 there is the following article:

“The first known of the Lounsbury family was three brothers who came from England at an early day. One of them had a son by the name of Robert, who married Elizabeth Pinkney, of Dutchess County, N. Y., and went to Canada, being tempted by liberal offers of land which he secured by settling there. One of their nine children was John, who was born in Canada, May 10, 1802, and in 1812 came with his parents to the United States. His father incurred the enmity of the Canadians for his unflinching loyalty to the United States. His
800 acres of land they confiscated, and he barely got away alive. He purchased 300 acres of land situated mostly in the town of Alexander. Very little of this land was cleared at this time. Deer and bears were plentiful. John's father died before he attained his majority, and the care of the family early devolved upon him. In 1826 he married Abigail Hayes, of Bethany, and they had eight children, of whom four survive, namely: Cordelia, Edwin, Henry, and Emily. Edwin Lounsbury was born March 18, 1828, on the old homestead in Alexander. He worked on the farm and attended school, and has always been a farmer. March 22, 1860, he married Nora, daughter of John Welch, and they have two children, viz.: Thomas E., a farmer with his father, and M. Isabel, who married Frank J. Prue, of Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury reside on a part of the original purchase in the town of Bethany.

Cordelia Lounsbury was born in the east part of the town of Alexander, November 27, 1826, and received a good education. She has been twice married, first to Permina A. Cogswell, of Alexander, April 11, 1943, and second to Thomas Hoyle formerly of England, in November, 1860. Both are deceased. Mrs. Cordelia Hoyle resides on road 29, near the old homestead.

There are some obvious discrepancies in this article. One is that there is no record that three brothers one of which was Robert's father came from England. The other is that Robert's land was apparently not confiscated if the will was still effective at the time of his death.

I have found one record of Robert obtaining land in what is now Ontario, further research needs to be done on this. The Twentieth Report; Department of Public Records; Archives of Ontario; Ontario Public Records; 1931; Page 38, Council Chamber at Newark (now Niagara-on-the-Lake which was for a time the capital of the province); 29 Jul 1797 Robert Lounsbury praying for lands as a settler. Recommended 200 acres in this petition he claimed to have been resident for five years. He of course claimed to be a loyal subject of the King.

In an article in the newsletter of the Niagara Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society on the treason trials held in 1814 commonly called the Ancaster Assizes one of the accused was one Robert Loundsbury. This Robert was acquitted. Even if acquitted one can suspect that that there would still be a suspicion of guilt amongst his neighbors so that would perhaps would account for his leaving Canada.

Robert’s father was Isaac (9 Nov. 1728 to about 1806), who died in Carmel, Dutchess Co., NY, married to Deborah Smith (1740 – 1824). There was an Isaac in Butler’s Rangers who later claimed land in Canada. No record has been found of this Isaac in Canada. Robert’s father died in the United States, was he the Isaac and did he return quietly to the United States? Butler’s Rangers, who operated out of Niagara, actively raided into New York and Pennsylvania during the War of Independence. Their reputation depended on which side you were on, so if Isaac did return to New York state he would have kept this fact quiet.

Robert is buried in West Bethany, Genesee County, New York. There is an old stone for Elizabeth and what may be an old and much weathered stone for Robert, a new stone has been placed at what is likely the opposite end of the plot.

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A Ranger’s Life

It’s the rare, and perhaps lucky, person who makes a career choice by the age of 10. It is usually someone with a special talent or passion-what we might refer to as a "calling." All of these words could describe Yellowstone’s Lake District Ranger John Lounsbury.

John grew up on a farm in southeastern Michigan, and his grandmother had him riding a horse before he could walk. His love of the outdoors was fostered at an early age. He recalls that when he was 9 or 10 years old, he had a sort of epiphany while on a camping trip with his family in Michigan. They passed by a ranger station in the woods and he remembers deciding at that point that he wanted to be a ranger.

John studied forestry at Michigan State University but the two degrees he earned were in Philosophy and Literature. This education has served him well in a profession that requires long, solitary hours in the backcountry. John has been a ranger in Yellowstone for the past 22 years.

His career began during college, when he worked summers for the U.S. Forest Service as a forestry aid. He first joined the National Park Service as a fire crew member, and later as a seasonal ranger in California’s Sequoia National Park in the late 1960’s. His first full-time ranger position was at Everglades National Park in Florida in 1970;
then several more full-time ranger positions followed over the next decade at Great Smoky Mountains, Olympic, and Lassen Volcano national parks.

John came to Yellowstone in 1980 and made his home there for more than two decades. In the dream job he imagined as a boy of ten, he has spent much of his time as a ranger in Yellowstone's rugged backcountry, traveling on foot or on horseback. In addition to his regular patrol duties, he has been involved in leading trainings for recreational riders on minimum-impact use of horses in the backcountry.

John Lounsbury officially retired as a National Park Service ranger on November 1, 2002. He and his wife, Lois, have bought a piece of land in southwestern Montana where they are building a house and will keep horses. Their new property, which is close to the national forest, will have a woodworking shop. John looks forward to making furniture as a hobby, and his first big job will be to make all of the cabinets for their new home.

John admits feeling nostalgic as he looks back on his 22 years in Yellowstone, particularly about the Yellowstone Lake area he has watched over. "It has been such an honor to be a steward of this amazing chunk of land within Yellowstone."

But his future plans don't stray far from the place he loves. He would like to write a book on the history of Yellowstone's backcountry, and also plans to spend time in the park guiding horse trips.

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From the History of Allegan County, Michigan, page 599


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Last Will and Testament

There has been much conjecture about the last will and testament of Charles Lounsbury which has been and continues to be attributed to an insane man who died in the Cook County asylum at Dunning Illinois.

The Sheboygan Press of Sheboygan Wisconsin ran an article on the 22nd of July 1927 stating that the real author was Wiliston Fish, for many years general manager of the Chicago City Railway Company.

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Who Are They?

Douglas Drummond Lounsberry; (from California Death Index 1940-97) Born: 11 April, 1898 in Alabama, died 7 May 1987 in San Diego, California; his social insurance number is 550-16-7500; Issue state, CA; last known res. La Mesa, California, 92041. California death records state born in Alabama. He is buried in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery; Point Loma, CA; Pvt USMC Plot O C-143; There is a Florence Lounsberry, b. 08/06/1899, d. 02/18/1992, Lemon Grove; San Diego; CA 92041, Plot 0 C-143, bur 03/09/1992.

Frederick W. Lounsberry, (from California Death Index 1940-97) born 9 Jan 1878 in Michigan, , died 26 Nov 1967, Glenn, 1930 US census has a Frederick in Glenn with a wife Olive.

George Lounsbury who married Mary McGowan
Family Lines

Bill Mac Donald of Fairground, Ontario has done extensive research in response to recent queries and has contributed his research here for the benefit of Tree readers.

Jonathan Lounsberry

An interesting enlightenment with respect to the death of Jonathan Lounsberry and his wife Martha Matilda Linn is in the Portrait and biographical record of Portland and vicinity, Oregon. Jonathan was son of Matthew Lounsberry and Sarah Pratt.

This enlightenment comes in an article on Benjamin F. Linn as follows:

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The first generation of Jonathan’s descendants are listed below, as are his ancestors as far back as the consolidated “L” database lists them. It is hoped this will benefit researchers of this family line.

Descendants of Jonathan Lounsberry

Generation No. 1

1. JONATHAN1 LOUNSBERY (MATHEWA, MATHEWB LOWNSBURY, JONATHANC, MICHAELD LOUNSbury, JOHNE, RICHARDF LOUNSBERY, RICHARDG LOWNSBOROUGH) was born 02 September 1836 in Oakford, Menard, IL, and died 26 September 1865 in Bake Oven, Wasco, Oregon. He married MARTHA MATILDA LINN 15 May 1861 in Brown, IL, daughter of PHILLIP LINN and MAHALA MCANNALD. She was born 07 February 1837 in Nicholas, Kentucky, USA, and died 23 August 1865 in American Falls, ID.

Notes for JONATHAN LOUNSBERY:
LDS Submitter(s): KENT & SUZY MILBERGER; 2602 FOXBORO; RICHARDSON TX; 75082

Also see Ted G. Cox tgcox1@earthlink.net, who has the Bake Oven, Oregon death date and place. (WGM)

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More About JONATHAN LOUNSBERRY:
Died 2: 23 August 1865
Died 3: October 1865, OR
Cause of Death: tuberculosis

More About MARTHA MATILDA LINN:
Burial: American Falls, Idaho
Cause of Death: mountain fever

Children of JONATHAN LOUNSBERRY and MARTHA LINN are:
2. i. MATTHEW LOUNSBERRY, b. 02 January 1863, Oakford, Menard, IL; d. 04 December 1938, Clackamas, OR.
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Lounsbury family records have the following information for Jonathan and his children:

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Generation No. 2

2. MATTHEW LOUNSBERRY (JONATHAN, MATHEW, MATHEW LOUNSBURY, JONATHAN, MICHAEL LOUNSBURY, JOHN, RICHARD LOUNSBERRY, RICHARD LOWNSBOROUGH) was born 02 January 1863 in Oakford, Menard, IL, and died 04 December 1938 in Clackamas, OR. He married (1) EULA BELLE SKIPWORTH 19 December 1888 in OR. She was born 12 June 1870 in Minden, Louisiana, and died 14 March 1960. He married (2) ROSETTA JONES 08 January 1925 in OR. She was born 24 January 1866 in Highland, Clackamas, OR, and died 02 May 1945. He was buried in the Philip E. Linn Cemetery, Estacada, Clackamas, OR USA.

Children of MATTHEW LOUNSBERRY and EULA SKIPWORTH are:
   i. ALETHA C. LOUNSBERRY, b. 04 November 1889, Eugene, Lane, OR; d. 22 March 1947.
   ii. ALFRED LYNN LONSBERRY, b. 26 March 1893, Lebanon, Linn, OR; d. 08 November 1978, Dallas, Polk, OR; m. RUBY PEARL ARNOLD, 01 December 1918; b. 14 November 1893, Litchfield, IL; d. 09 October 1983, Denver, Arapahoe, CO. Burial: 10 November 1978, Dallas City Cemetery, Dallas, Polk, OR. RUBY PEARL ARNOLD: Burial: 14 October 1983, Dallas City Cemetery, Dallas, Polk, OR

Jonathan’s ancestry as we have it is as follows:

Ancestors of Mathew Lounsberry

Generation No. 1
1. Mathew Lounsberry, born 1806 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; died 04 March 1863 in Oakford, Menard, IL. He was the son of 2. Mathew Lownsbury and 3. Mary Wagon. He married (1) Sarah Pratt 1828. She was born 07 December 1809 in Pony Hollow, Chemung, NY, and died 14 February 1898 in Oakford, Menard, IL.

Generation No. 2


3. Mary Wagon, born Abt. 1766 in Pony Hollow, Chemung, NY; died Abt. 1843 in Oakford, Menard, IL.

Children of Mathew Lownsbury and Mary Wagon are:
   i. Martha Lounsberry, born 1784 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; died 1786 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ.
   ii. Olive Lounsberry, born 1786 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ.
   iii. Jonathan Lounsberry, born 01 March 1788 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; died 22 September 1867 in Oakford, Menard, IL; married Mary Jaynes 1809 in Pony Hollow, Tioga, NY; born Abt. 1795 in PA; died 10 October 1857 in Oakford, Menard, IL.
   iv. Elizabeth Lounsberry, born 31 May 1790 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ.
   v. Phebe Lounsberry, born 1792 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; died 1838.
   vi. Abigail Lounsberry, born 1795 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; died 1877 in Oakford, Menard Co., IL; married (1) Amos Ogden Bef. 1820 in Tioga, NY; born Abt. 1794; died 23 March 1842 in Oakford, Menard, IL; married (2) O. J. Malthy Aft. March 1842 in Oakford, Menard Co., IL.
   vii. Leah Lounsberry, born 1796 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; died in IL; married Isaac White.
   viii. Margaret Lounsberry, born 1802 in Chemung, Pony Hollow, NY; married Leander Brown; born 19 March 1815 in Greene Co., PA; died in Oakford, Menard, IL.
ix. Mathew Lounsberry, born 1806 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; died 04 March 1863 in Oakford, Menard, IL; married Sarah Pratt 1828.

Generation No. 3


5. Mary Hopper, born 28 August 1742. She was the daughter of 10. Mattheus Hopper and 11. Alice/Aaltje/Elsie Kuyper.

Children of Jonathan Lownsbury and Mary Hopper are:
   i. Mathew Lounsbury, born 05 March 1760 in NJ; died 02 October 1843 in Oakford, Menard, IL; married (1) Mary Wagon Abt. 1782 in Pony Hollow, Chemung, NY; married (2) Eunice ??? Bef. 04 September 1830 in Tioga, NY.
   ii. John Lounsbury, born 09 February 1761 in Kakiat, Orange, NY; married Mary Carr Abt. 1783.
   iv. Phebe Lounsberry, born 07 December 1767 in Kakiat, Orange, NY.
   v. Cornelius Lounsberry, born 23 June 1770 in Vernon, Sussex Co., NJ; died 1850 in Central Valley, Allegany, NY; born Abt. 1790 in RI.
   vi. Jonathan Lounsbury, born 04 May 1773 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ.
   vii. Margaret Lounsbury, born 27 August 1775 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; died 20 October 1844 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ; married John Sprague March 1812; born 19 September 1771 in Sussex, Co NJ; died 20 November 1860 in Veron, Sussex NJ.
   viii. Abigail Lounsbury, born 12 April 1780 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ.

Generation No. 4


9. Abigail Hart

Children of Michael Lounsberry and Abigail Hart are:
   i. ??? Lounsbury
   ii. Valentine Lounsberry, born 1737 in Rye, Westchester, NY.
   iii. Jonathan Lounsberry, born 1738 in Rye, Westchester, NY; married Mary Hopper Abt. 1759 in NY.
   iv. William Lounsbury, born 1740 in Bedford or Westchester, Westchester, NY; married Sarah Giles; born Abt. 1757 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died in New Brunswick Province, Canada.
v. Caleb Lounsbury, born 1742 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died 1760 in New York, NY.

vi. Tamar Lounsbury, born 02 February 1743/44 in «prob» Rye, Westchester, NY; died 06 September 1832 in Venice, Cayuga, NY; married (1) John Slot; born 1736; married (2) Timothy Halstead.


viii. Gilbert Lounsbury, born 1752 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died 26 April 1782.


11. Alice/Aaltje/Elsie Kuyper

Child of Mattheus Hopper and Alice/Aaltje/Elsie Kuyper is:

5  i. Mary Hopper, born 28 August 1742; married Jonathan Lownsbury Abt. 1759 in NY.

Generation No. 5


17. Anne Guion, born 1678 in Rye, New York; died 1731 in Rye, New York. She was the daughter of 34. Louis Guion and 35. An Tomasse Foretiere.

Children of John Lounsbury and Anne Guion are:

i. Isaac Lounsbury, born 11 October 1703 in Rye, Westchester Co., NY, USA; married Sarah Close 1726; born 09 November 1703 in Greenwich, Fairfield Co., CT., USA; died 06 June 1770 in Westchester Co., NY, USA.

ii. Samuel Lounsbury, born 01 December 1708 in Rye, Westchester, NY; married Hannah Carpenter 01 December 1728 in St. Georges Church, Hempstead, New York; born 17 August 1708 in Oyster Bay, Queens, NY; died 06 January 1734-1802 in Bordentown, New Jersey.

iii. Jeremiah Lounsbury, born 1709 in Rye, Westchester, NY; married (1) Phebe Thorneycroft 10 March 1730/31 in Hempstead, Queens, NY; died 17 April 1775 in Burlington, Burlington, NJ; married (2) Mary Kirby 18 November 1745 in Burlington, Burlington, NJ; born Abt. 1730; died 1808 in Salem, NJ.


8  i. Michael Lounsbury, born Abt. 1715 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died Aft. 20 April 1782 in NY; married (1) Abigail Hart; married (2) ??? ??? Bef. 1735.


iii. William Lounsbury, born 1720 in Rye, Westchester, NY; married Tamar Mott Bef. 12 October 1762 in Mamaroneck, Westchester, NY; married (1) Mary Kirby 18 November 1745 in Burlington, Burlington, NJ; married (2) Mary Kirby 18 November 1745 in Burlington, Burlington, NJ; born Abt. 1730; died 1808 in Salem, NJ.

iv. Henry Lounsbury, born 1722 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died 04 February 1797 in Yorktown, NY; married Syntie 1745 in Westchester Cty, NY.

Generation No. 6


Children of Richard Lounsbury and Elizabeth Pennoyer are:

i. Richard Lounsbury, born Abt. 1672 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died in New York, New York, NY; married Abigail Thomas Bef. 1697; born 21 November 1674 in New Haven, New Haven Co., Connecticut, United States; died Bef. 10 April 1733 in New York, New York, NY.

16 ii. John Lounsbury, born 1674 in Rye, Westchester Co., New York State, USA; married Anne Guion 1701 in New Rochelle, Westchester Co., New York State, USA.

iii. Mary Lounsbury, born 1676 in Rye, Westchester Co., NY; married Israel Rogers Bef. 11 August 1701 in Westchester Co., NY; born 26 November 1671 in Lancaster, Middlesex Co., MA; died 26 November 1761 in Lancaster, Middlesex Co., MA.
iv. Michael Lounsbury, born 12 September 1677 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died 20 January 1730/31 in Stamford, Fairfield, CT; married Sarah Lockwood 19 June 1707 in Stamford, Fairfield, CT; born 03 November 1670 in Stamford Twp., Fairfield, CT; died 07 June 1749 in Stamford, Fairfield, CT.

v. Thomas Lounsbury, born 1678 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died Bef. October 1709.

vi. Henry Lounsbury, born 15 August 1684 in Rye, Westchester, NY; died 08 October 1758 in Stamford, Fairfield, CT; married Mercy Scofield 17 December 1709 in Stamford, Fairfield Co., CT; born 30 October 1690 in Stamford, Fairfield Co., CT; died Aft. 08 October 1749.

34. Louis Guion, born Abt. 1654 in La Rochelle, France; died in New Rochelle, Westchester, NY. He married 35. An Tomasse Forestiere.

35. An Tomasse Forestiere, born Abt. 1655 in La Rochelle, France; died Bef. 1732.

Children of Louis Guion and An Forestiere are:

i. Louis Guion, born 1676; married Dinah DeVerux.

ii. Anne Guion, born 1678 in Rye, New York; died 1731 in Rye, New York; married John Lounsbury 1701 in New Rochelle, Westchester Co., New York State, USA.


iv. Amant Guion, born 1682; married (1) Margaret Suire; married (2) Elizabeth Sampson.

Generation No. 7

64. Richard Lownsborough, died Bef. 1650 in Broxa, Hackness Parish, Yorkshire, England. He married 65. Elizabeth ???.


Children of Richard Lownsborough and Elizabeth ?? are:

i. Mary Lownsborough, born 21 November 1630 in Broxa, Hackness, York, England; died Abt. 1690; married John Dickenson 03 October 1674; died Abt. 1674.


67. Elsie Marshall, died Bet. 1667 - 1669 in Stamford, Fairfield, CT.

Children of Robert Pennoyer and Elsie Marshall are:

i. Elizabeth Pennoyer, born Abt. 1653 in Mamaroneck, NY; married Richard Lounsberry 01 August 1670 in Rye, Westchester, NY.

ii. William Pennoyer, born Abt. 1654; married Mary.

iii. Thomas Pennoyer, born 29 March 1658 in Stamford, CT; died 21 November 1723 in Stamford, Connecticut; married (1) Mary; married (2) Lydia Knapp 22 May 1685 in Stamford, Fairfield, CT; born 1668 in Stamford, CT; died 09 February 1709/10 in Stamford, CT.

iv. Mary Pennoyer, born 1660.


vi. Abigail Pennoyer, born 1666.
Robert J. Lounsbury, mayor and well known attorney of Pontiac and the representative of large real estate interests here and in the east, was born in Putnam County, New York, where his father, a prominent farmer of that district, died in 1881.

Mr. Lounsbury was prepared for college at Andover, Massachusetts, and was a student at Dartmouth, afterwards graduating from the Columbia Law School of New York City in 1875. Immediately thereafter he came to Pontiac in the interests of certain eastern Capitalists who were operating in Michigan, Illinois and adjoining states, and he had their interests in charge since that time. During the first few years he was able to devote a considerable time to general practice on his own responsibility, but for the most part the demands on his time by his eastern clients has precluded the possibility of making progress as a private practitioner. In recent years he acted as a receiver for the P.O.&N Railway, and he made a record for efficiency that was commended by both factions of the defunct road.

In 1911 Mr. Lounsbury was elected mayor of Pontiac under the commission form of government, which provides for three commissioners only, of which the mayor is one, and he has made a distinct success of his administration as chief executive of the city, his term being marked by a straight forward business administration of the affairs of the county. He is a thoroughgoing Pontaicker, has the best interests of the city at heart at all times, and is held in high esteem throughout the city and county.

In 1880 Mr. Lounsbury married a daughter of Col. S. E. Beach, well known in Oakland county. Two children were born to Mr. And Mrs. Lounsbury, - a son and a daughter, the latter still surviving.

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**LOWNSBERRY’S TRANSPARENCY**

*Pioneer History of Milwaukee, Milwaukee News, 1876*

There came to Milwaukee in 1848, a little weazen-faced chap, about 4 feet 6 inches in height, with arms of unusual length, broad shoulders, a large head (with very little in it however, that was valuable), large dark eyes, long dark-brown Hair, inclining to curl, his whole “*tout ensemble*” being in fact peculiar, by the name of P. P. Lownsberry, who opened a new grocery and restaurant, at 119 East water (now 317) in a small frame building then standing at that number, which restaurant soon became a great resort for the boys for the purpose of playing “seven up” and other innocent games, in which “hot whiskey punch” played a prominent part, as no doubt some yet living whom I could name can remember. Now it was the custom for all places of that kind to have some sign the peculiarity of which would attract attention, and the late John Lowther, who was quite an artist, was called in for consultation, who recommended a transparency* in which a goat should be the chief attraction, and was at once ordered to paint one that would be suitable for such a place as Mr. Lounsberry kept, which he did, and did it in such a way to render it entirely unnecessary to consult a scientist, in order to ascertain its “gender.” It had a beard that Lorenzo Dow might well have envied, and a pair of – well never mind – if that was not a fully developed William goat then the writer never saw one. The first night it was illuminated it drew a full house, outside as well as in, among whom were several critics, who all pronounced it faultless, a little over drawn perhaps, in some parts, but a William goat sure. Mr. Lownsberry could not understand why that sign should attract so much attention, but after its most prominent characteristics had been pointed out by a stock raiser who happened to be present, he saw the joke, wet-em-up for all round and closed the place for the night, after which he sent the following message to Mr. Lowther; “For heavens sake come down here and paint the * * * off the goat, or the boys will kill me,” which he did, charging him $10 therefore. He left many years ago, but I often think, when passing the spot, of P. P. Lownsberry and his famous transparency.

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*Wellington Lounsbury*


The world instinctively pays deference to the man who has achieved success, overcoming the obstacles in his path until he has reached a high position in the business world. This is a progressive age and he who does not advance is soon left far behind. Mr. Lounsbury, by the improvement of opportunities by which we are all surrounded, has steadily and honorably worked

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*This transparency consisted of an oblong frames, about 2 x 4 feet covered with sheeting upon which the goat was painted, same as upon the buck beer signs of the present day, which was suspended directly over the door, illuminated by a candle placed inside, and could be seen two blocks away.*
his way upward and has attained a fair degree of prosperity. He makes his home in Yorktown township and owns and operates the Fowler mill, now known as the Lounsbury mill, situated on Mill Brook.

He was born in Yorktown, July, 25, 1857, and is the son of Ezra and Mary Ann (Losee) Lounsbury. The birth of the former occurred in the town of Somers, Westchester county. The grandfather, Jesse Lounsberry, who was of Scotch descent, married a Miss Flewellen, who belonged to an old Westchester county family. After his marriage Mr. Lounsberry worked at the carpenter’s trade, which he followed for over thirty years, but in 1874 purchased the mill now owned by his son, the subject of this sketch, William Tompkins, and turned his attention to the operation of same. He was a life long Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were faithful members of the Baptist church.

ARCHIE B. LANSBERRY

from History of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, 1911

ARCHIE B. LANSBERRY was a well known and highly respected resident of Bradford township, Clearfield county, Pa., where his death occurred July 13, 1878. He was a native of Bradford township and a son of James and Elizabeth Lansberry. He attended the public schools in boyhood and youth, after which he went to work on his father’s farm and continued until his marriage, when he and wife went to housekeeping on a rented farm in Graham township. They lived there until 1869, when he bought ninety acres of wild land in Bradford township, all of which he cleared himself and placed under cultivation. He continued to improve his property, being a man of great energy and industry, until near the close of his life, when illness made him retire from active work. He carried on general farming during the summers and devoted a part of the winter seasons to hauling timber and lumber. After his death his eldest son, A. B. Lansberry, took charge of the farm and his widow in 1890 moved to Clearfield and occupies a residence owned by this son. Mr. Lansberry was a man of quiet life and domestic virtues. He was well known and had a wide circle of personal friends.

In 1866 Archie B. Lansberry was married to Miss Lavinia Pearce, who was born and reared in Bradford township, a daughter of Absolom and Mary Ann Pearce, and they had three children born to them: A. B., Walter R. and Clarence E. A. B. Lansberry, who now manages the home farm, married Miss Gussie Glaze, of Clearfield county. Walter R died at the age of eighteen months. Clarence E. has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Lillie Sheiry, of Bradford township, who died at the age of thirty years, survived by two children: Cora and Guy. His second marriage was to Miss Agnes Couder, of Bradford township, and they had five children: Daniel, Doyle, Raymond, Nana and Kenneth, all of whom survive except the eldest.

Clarence and A. B. Lansberry started in the coal business about the year 1895, with one miner and one team, hauling to Woodland and have increased their business from time to time, and finally built tram roads and bought a locomotive, and now are working about fourteen miners and ship about seventy tons per day the greater part of the year.

Some Landsburys

From Chase County Historical Sketches,
Cottonwood Fall, Kan., Chase County Historical Society, 1940, pages 151-2

John Landsbury homesteaded the E ½ of the SW ¼ and the W ½ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 17, Twp. 22, R. 8. Here he lived and farmed until his death November 28, 1873. When his estate was probated, Chas. W. Rogler, Thos. Bryant and Thos. Banks were appointed Commissioners to divide his land between his widow, Mary K. Landsbury, and his sons, John Calvin, Augustus M., Benjamin, Jeremiah and Dennis M. Augustus Landsbury being already deceased, his share was given in equal portions to his widow, Mary A. Newkirk, and his daughter, Mary E. Wagoner. John Landsbury was interred in the cemetery at Matfield Green.

Mary K. Landsbury lived on in the home with her son Dennis until her death February 11, 1885, aged 79 years, two months and twenty days. She was a kindly soul and for years before her passing was known to all the neighborhood as "Granny" Landsbury. Her body lies beside that of her husband.

Augustus M. Landsbury and his wife, Mary A., settled on the NW ¼ of Sec. 8, Twp. 22, R. 8. Augustus died in 1866 and his widow got a patent to their land May 2, 1870. Augustus left one daughter, Mary E., who was married to William Wagoner in October, 1867. The widow, Mary A., became the wife of Rev. C. S. Newkirk. The Matfield Green Cemetery is located on the west line of Mrs. Newkirk’s land.
Calvin Landsbury was a soldier in the Mexican War. He did not return to Kansas except on a visit many years later. He located in a western state and did not even lay claim to his share of his father’s estate. This thirteen acre strip was sold for taxes, bought in by Henry Brandley and eventually sold by one of his heirs in 1914 to Thomas J. Banks, who by that time had become the owner of the Mary K. Landsbury eighty.

Dennis M. Landsbury. At the age of eighteen Dennis was married to Mary F. E. Avery, but the matrimonial knot was soon severed. About fourteen years elapsed before Dennis again ventured to assume the responsibility of husband and provider. He married Miss Julia Goley in 1883. Four children blessed this union: William, Mary (Mrs. Bud Bullock), John and one Bettie Jane who died in infancy. Julia Landsbury died in 1892, after which Dennis moved from place to place, usually making his home with his daughter Mary, until his death in March, 1928. He was seventy-eight years of age and had lived in Chase County for sixty-eight of those years.

Jeremiah Landsbury was born in 1833. He married Jane Banks, sister of Thomas J. Banks. In the settlement of the John Landsbury estate Jeremiah received a twenty acre strip off the south end of his father’s 160. He built his home on this tract and farmed it and parts of his father’s farm for years. Jerry and Jane had two children, a son Fremont and a daughter Abigail, the latter born on the farm in 1872. Fremont Landsbury married Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Jackson, and lived about as much in Chautauqua County as in Chase. Abigail married Arthur Holloway and moved away from this part of the state after a few years.

Jane Landsbury preceded her husband in death a short time, and Jerry was ruthlessly murdered as he was walking to Matfield Green, shortly after dusk on the evening of August 1, 1891. This is one murder mystery that has never been solved but from all the evidence, it seems that he was shot by a couple of horse-thieves, whom he had probably recognized. The shooting occurred a short distance from the Matfield Cemetery. After the death of their parents, Fremont and Abigail sold their land to Levi Jones.

Benjamin Landsbury married Mrs. Elizabeth Wagoner, nee Buskirk, in October, 1868. On February 26, 1877, Ben bought the W ½ of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 17, Twp. 22, R. 8, from J. H. Herriot, the original patentee. In March, 1881, he got his final receipt from the Government to the W 1/2 of the NW ¼ of Sec. 20, Twp. 22, R. 8. On the north line of this latter piece of land he built his log cabin and established his home.

Ben Landsbury was a sheep raiser as well as small farmer. When we children, who lived up the creek, went to school, we frequently passed through Ben's flock, grazing on the hillside. We kept a wary lookout for the old ram, but how we loved the little lambs!

Mr. and Mrs. Landsbury were known to all the neighbors as Ben and Betsey. When Mrs. Betsey Wagner married Ben, she was the mother of three sons, Henry, William and Bert (Adelbert, I believe). In November, 1868, Henry Wagoner married Nancy M. Lannum: He had taken a claim on Thurman Creek. In October, 1867, William Wagoner married Mary E., daughter of Augustus Landsbury. Their life together was short as not many months after their marriage, William suffered an accident from a runaway team which caused his death. Bert Wagoner grew to manhood in the home of his step-father Ben.

About 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Landsbury moved to near Florence, Marion County, and after two years to near Hugoton in western Kansas. There Mr. Landsbury died and his wife returned to Matfield Green, where she resided until her death in 1907 at the age of 78 years.

Purdy & Alfred Launsbury

From History of Mower County, Minnesota

p. 564

Purdy Launsbury was born in Ulster county, New York, moved from there in 1836 to Hudson, Columbia County. His parents were natives of Ulster county. They were descendants of three brothers by that name, who came from England and settled in Ulster county many years before the revolutionary war, in which several of their descendants participated. The family, generally, have been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Purdy Launsbury, of whom we write, was apprenticed when fourteen years of age to learn the tanner's and currier's trade, serving an apprenticeship of seven years, which business he followed during his stay in his native state. He was married about 1823 to Hester Towelleger. She was also a native of Ulster County, born in 1800. Her parents came to Ulster county before the revolution. In the spring of 1848 the family emigrated to Milwaukee and to Winnebago county, Wisconsin, where they engaged in farming. He remained here until November, 1864, when they again pulled up stakes.
moved to Mower county, and settled in section 22, in Waltham township. Mr. and Mrs. Launsbury resided on this farm until their deaths - Mr. Launsbury November 29, 1880, and Mrs. Launsbury July 8, 1882. They had a family of twelve children, five of whom are now living, viz.: George A., a resident of Berlin, Green Lake county, Wisconsin; Alfred, of Waltham township, of whom mention is made elsewhere; James, of Waushesa county, Wisconsin; John, of Dakota; Ophelia T., married, and lives in Mankato, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Launsbury were members of the M. E. church. Mr. Launsbury helped organize the township. He was a Democrat and held the offices of justice of the peace and school district treasurer. He was well liked by his neighbors and friends.

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Alfred Launsbury, second son of Purdy Launsbury, was born in Ulster county, New York, February 11, 1829, where he grew to manhood and received a common school education. He served an apprenticeship of three years in learning the currier's and tanners trade, at Hudson, Columbia county, Wis., which he followed until 1848, when he came with his father's family to Winnebago county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in fanning. He was married here, March 11, 1852, to Matilda Gifford. She was born in Canada, November 5, 1833. She is a daughter of Joshua and C. (Moore) Gifford, natives of Canada. They came to Washington county, Wisconsin, in 1840, where she lived until she was married. Mr. Launsbury removed to Berlin, Green Lake county, where he engaged with his brother George in the harness business, which he followed until the outbreak of the Rebellion. He enlisted September, 1861, in the Third Wisconsin battery, serving until 1864, when he received the appointment of military storekeeper in the quartermaster's department, remaining until the close of the war, after which he returned to his home in Wisconsin, and with his family moved to Mower county and settled in section 22, Waltham township, in 1822, (sic likely 1865) in which township his father had set, tied the year previous (1864), where he still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Launsbury have had five children, viz.: George W. (deceased), Anna A., Ida B., Adda J., Ella A. Mr. Launsbury is a staunch Republican, and has held local offices. The battery of which Mr. Launsbury was a member, was with the army of the Cumberland, and participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Mount Washington, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, at which they lost their battery and thirty-four men killed and wounded. He was also present at the battles of Missionary Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain and the taking of Atlanta. Mr. Launsbury received injuries while in the army from the effects of which he draws a pension. He is a member of Col. Henry Rogers Post, No. 11, G. A. R. He is also a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., at Brownsdale.

Killed by Lightning

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While fighting prairie fire on the night of October 8, 1871, Ira P. Launsbury, a son of Purdy Launsbury, was struck by lightning and killed. His dead body found on the prairie the next morning. It is said that it rained very hard. The most singular thing about it was that there was only one very loud clap of thunder was heard, that which killed Mr. Launsbury.

Editor's Note: This would appear to be the same person who appears in other places as Purdy Lounsbury.

Descendants of Purdy Lounsbury

Generation No. 1

1. PURDY1 LOUNSBURY (LOUNSBURYÂ) was born Abt. 1803 in Ulster Co., NY, and died 29 Nov 1880 in Waltham Twp., Mower Co., MN. He married HESTER TERWILLGER. She was born 1803 in NY, and died 08 Jul 1882 in Mower Co., MN.

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Notes for HESTER TERWILLGER:

Children of PURDY LOUNSBURY and HESTER TERWILLGER are:
1. GEORGE² LOUNSBURY, b. 15 Oct 1826, Plattekill, Ulster, NY.
2. ii. ALFRED LOUNSBURY, b. 11 Feb 1829, NY.
iii. HARRY PALMER LOUNSBURY, b. 15 Dec 1830, Plattekill, Ulster, NY.
iv. MARY JANE LOUNSBURY, b. 1831, Ny.
v. HERBERT H. LOUNSBURY, b. 1834, Ny.
vi. JANE E. LOUNSBURY, b. 1836, NY.
vii. JAMES LOUNSBURY, b. 1838.
viii. ANNA M. LOUNSBURY, b. 1841, NY.
3. ix. JOHN HENRY LOUNSBERRY, b. 1842, NY.
x. ORPHELIA LOUNSBURY, b. 1845, NY.
xi. FRED P. LOUNSBURY, b. 1847.

Generation No. 2

2. ALFRED² LOUNSBURY (PURDY¹, LOUNSBURY⁴) was born 11 Feb 1829 in NY. He married MATILDA GIFFORD 11 Mar 1852, daughter of JOSHUA GIFFORD and C. MOORE. She was born 05 Nov 1833 in Canada.

Children of ALFRED LOUNSBURY and MATILDA GIFFORD are:
1. GEORGE W.³ LOUNSBURY.
ii. ANNA A. LOUNSBURY.
iii. IDA B. LOUNSBURY.
iv. ADDA J. LOUNSBURY.
v. ELLA A. LOUNSBURY.

3. JOHN HENRY² LOUNSBERRY (PURDY¹ LOUNSBURY, LOUNSBURY⁴) was born 1842 in NY. He married PHILENA JANE COLBY.

Notes for JOHN HENRY LOUNSBERRY:

Child of JOHN LOUNSBERRY and PHILENA COLBY is:
1. MABEL ALICE³ LOUNSBURY, b. 11 May 1882, Waltham, Minnesota; d. 23 Apr 1962, Hood River, OR; m. FRANK BLOOMER IRWIN, 15 Jul 1908, Williston, ND; b. 30 Oct 1873, Montevideo, Chippewa Co., Minnesota; d. 01 Aug 1956, VA Hospital, Portlan, OR.

Notes for FRANK BLOOMER IRWIN:
Notes for MABEL ALICE LOUNSBERRY: A twin

On July 14, 1898, at age 25 years and 9 months, Frank enlisted in the army at St Paul. He was mustered at Camp Ramsey, Colorado, as part of Co. H, 15th Regiment, Minnesota Infantry. His residence at the time is given as Graceville, Minnesota and his brother George, also of Graceville, was named his guardian. Frank served until March 27, 1899 when he was mustered out at Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Georgia. At that time the army owed him "for clothing - $6.15 . . . Due the United States for arms and equipment $.cts 25." Under "general remark," - "No clothing was issued to any man in this company by the State."

Frank served during the Spanish-American War. Spain declared war on the United States on April 24, 1898, after the U.S. declared that Cuba was independent. The Maine had been torpedoed in Havana Harbor, killing 260 Americans, in February. Commodore Dewey was the hero of the war, destroying the Spanish fleet on July 3, 1898. There were more deaths from yellow fever and malaria than from combat in the war.

Frank saw no action but spent eight months in the United States Army. For his service, he was entitled to a pension for his later years and care in the VA hospital in Portland, Oregon, where he died. The VA furnished a flag to drape his casket and his wife was given a widow's pension.

Until about 1932, Frank and Mae lived on their farm home near Miltona, Minnesota. Besides farming, Frank worked as a carpenter. They moved to Alexandria, Minnesota, then back to Miltona. Frank went to Oregon in 1935. Mabel went out, didn't like it too much, so went back and forth to Minnesota. In 1937, they settled permanently in Hood River, Oregon. They bought a small apartment house and most of their children settled there.

Quoting daughter Mabel's letter (1982), "Yes, I remember that Grandma Irwin was very thin and small. She had only one lung and it was very hard for her to breathe. I remember Grandpa said "Her mother could speak very little English (Welsh? HR). He married her very young to give her a home." Mabel states in her letter that Grandpa Irwin's name was James Montgomery Irwin. Mabel Lucas took in foster children for many years. Her brother Walter served in World War II in France and Germany.
Publications

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:

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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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