

THE LOUNSBURY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL COMMENT: "What's This All About?"

This is our first issue of "The Lounsbury Family Newsletter". It is our hope that it will flourish and be published several times a year. Our family is unique in that every Lounsbury - Lounsberry - Lounsbury in the U.S. and Canada is related. We are all descended from Richard Lounsbury of Yorkshire England.

The newsletter will contain information, past present and future, about the Lounsbury-Lounsberry-Lounsbury Family. The price will be a stamped self-addressed business envelope. We have sent you a copy in the hope that you would like to be part of our mailing list. We hope that you will contribute information or inquiries about your branch of the family.

Please send any information, questions or materials to Mrs. Marie Lounsbury, R.d. East berne, N.Y. 12509.

The Editors  
Gert Dennis and Marie Lounsbury

Gathering of the Clans

Lounsbury-Richards Family Reunion was held July 11, 1982 at Mattawamkeag Wilderness Park, Maine. This was a first : For further information contact: Larry Richards, 20 Clark St., Lincoln, Me. 04457.

Lounsbury Family Reunion was held in Tioga, N.Y. This is the 61 st. annual reunion. Forty-four people were present. Four people were in attendance that had been at the first reunion in 1921. They were: Raymond Lounsbury, Louis Lounsbury, Myrtie Whitcomb, and Ruth Kendall Brown. Myrtie retired as Secretary of the reunion after serving for almost 55 yrs. Contact person: Mrs. Esther Guimond. Box 118, Tioga Center, New York, 13845.

The annual Lounsbury, Reunion scheduled for Aug. 15 was cancelled due to the death of Oscar Lounsbury. -it is usually held in Lounsbury. N.Y. Contact person: Mrs. Bea Clark, 45 Cloverdale Rd. Rochester.N.Y. 14616.

Another reunion is held annually in June. Contact Person: William Lounsbury, Nevada, Iowa.,

THE BIG ONE IS COMING UP!!! Next Year, the end of July in New Brunswick, Canada. The Loyalist branch of the family is holding a 3 day reunion. Contact person: Mrs. Leonard Taylor, R.R. #2 Salisbury, New Brunswick, Canada ESA - 3E0.

Article from Altamon<sup>k</sup>Enterprise, Altamont, N.Y. reprinted on next page about the first Helderberg Lounsbury Reunion. This article was also reprinted by the Stamford Historical Society's publication.

Henceforth, the reunion to be held the first Saturday in July. The Helderbergs are in Albany Co. Contacts Mrs. Janet Berkhofer, Hillcrest Rd., Hannacroix, N.Y. 12087.

The Altamont Enterprise

Thursday, July 29, 1982

**Lounsbury Reunion**

On Saturday, July 24, over 150 descendants of Richard Lounsbury gathered at the Westerlo Town Park for their first annual reunion

In addition to the Helderberg Lounsburies, there were Lounsbury descendants present from all parts of New York State, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, South Dakota, California, and Canada. Surnames were varied including Moak, Fancher, Pearson, Orvasky, Quick, Slingerland, Clickman, Able, Snyder, Delamater, Yager, Mueller, Dennis, Griffin, Holcomb, and Berkhofer, to name a few.

Honored guests were Mrs. Edith Wicks, genealogist for the Stamford Historical Society, and Dr. Anna Perkins, family physician for many of the Lounsbury

descendants and trusted friend.

Elected officers were President Henry Dennis, Jr., (Albany county legislator); Dennis Lounsbury, vice president; Janet Berkhofer, secretary; and James Lounsbury, treasurer. The board of directors includes Mrs. Porter Wright, Mrs. William Mueller, Patrick Lounsbury, Barbara Lounsbury and one vacancy.

Speakers for the event were Dr. Raymond Lounsbury and his wife, Lucille, of Hartwell, Ga. Dr. Lounsbury is the author of "Lounsbury Origin, Meaning and Significance" and "Pennoyer Brothers Colonization, Commerce, Charity in the Seventeenth Century." He narrated slides of his trips to Yorkshire, England, to research the Lounsbury ancestry. Ray has traced the family back to almost 1200, even finding St.

William in the bloodline. He proceeded to trace Richard Lounsbury who migrated from Yorkshire, England to Leiden, Holland and onto America in 1643. All Lounsburies in the U.S. and Canada are directly descended from him and eligible for the Pennoyer Grant at Harvard University.

A sumptuous covered dish lunch followed along with much conversation and a hotly contested volleyball game.

Two new books were published and available for this occasion: "Helderberg Lounsburies" compiled by Gertrude K. Dennis and Marie Lounsbury and "Lounsbury, Lounsbury, Lounsbury," compiled by B. Clark, G. K. Dennis and N. Lounsbury. For further information on these publications or future reunions contact Mrs. Patrick Lounsbury, East Berne, N.Y. 12059 or Mrs. Donald Berkhofer of Hannacroix

Lines from the Lounsbury-Lounsbury-Lounsberrys

Susan Christofferson of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y reports that her parents are spending several months in India. (Line of Josiah, Richard, Richard) Lee has a great deal of work documenting his branch of the family, . . . Ray and Lucille Lounsbury of Hartwell, Ga. Celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Ray is an authority on the family and has done a great deal of research on Richard and his roots in Yorkshire, England. A book is available. . . . J. C. (Jake) Lounsbury and his wife Vi journeyed to England this summer with a choral group. Among other places they visited Lounsborough. They have been diligently researching their "Lounsbury" roots and trace their line to New Brunswick, Canada. J. C. is an architect and resides in Mercer Island, Wash. . . . Floyd Lounsbury (Helderberg Lounsbury) also journeyed to the ancestral birthplace this summer He also took a-look at Westminster where the family saint, St. William is buried. Floyd resides in New Haven, Conn. He is a linguist at Yale Univ. . . . Mrs. Ralph Lounsbury of Ontario, Calif., has a chair from Timothy and Hannah Sperry Lounsbury He was a very early Lounsbury from the line of Josiah. . . . Capt. James Ferris reports the birth of a - grandchild, Jim resides in Coronado, Calif. He is researching both the Lounsbury and The Ferris Family. . . . Tim and Ann Lounsbury announce the birth of a daughter, Trica Ann in July. . . Congratulations to Sue and Tim Howard on their recent marriage. Tim comes from merry old England. . . With sadness we note the passing of several Lounsburies: Oscar, line of Gideon, in July, He had done a great deal of research on his lineage. His daughter, Bea Clark carries on his work. She is one of the compilers of "Lounsbury, Lounsbury, Lounsbury." An index of hundreds of Lounsburies and their, lineage with interesting notes about them and their descendants. (\$8.00) Dr. Benjamin Franklin Lounsbury, also in July. He had provided a great deal of information on his branch of the Helderberg Lounsburies. He was a noted surgeon in the Chicago area. Mae Cook, also of the Helderberg Lounsburies, also died, this spring. She res. Medusa, N.Y. Ray Halstead of Cromwell, Ct. d. Jan. 1981. . . . Barbara Lea Sauve of Sussex, N.J. reports there is a Lounsbury Hollow Middle School in her town. Her ancestors lived there for generations. She is from the line of Jonathan

Excerpt from Biographical Directory of the American Congress  
1774-1971

"Lounsbury, William, a Representative from New York; born at Stone Ridge, Ulster County, N.Y. December 25, 1831; was graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., in 1854: attended the law department of the New York University in Albany, N.Y.; was admitted to the bar in 1853 and engaged in practice; during the Civil War was commissary of the Twentieth Regiment, New York Militia, with the rank of first lieutenant, during its three months service, member of the State assembly in 1868; mayor of King 1878-1880; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-Sixth Congress (March 4, 1879 - March 8, 1881; died in Kingston, N.Y., November 8, 1905; internment in the Wiltwyck Rural Cemetery. Editors Note : Janice Lounsbury, Janet Berkhofer and several other Helderberg Lounsburys visited his niece in Stone Ridge this month. She is going to be 93 yrs. old on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. She is very alert and would appreciate hearing from all of us. The house she resides in was slept in by Washington. It is also interesting to note that the Lounsbury family were close friends of the Duponts and the house is the inspiration for Winterhur in Delaware. Send cards to: Miss Sarah Lounsbury, Stone Ridge, N.Y.

Another famous William was the first Loyalist killed in N.Y.S. during the American Revolution. The following excerpt is from Military Affairs, Vol. XXVII, 1958 and was submitted by Capt. James Ferris. The description is that of an eye witness.

" William Lounsbury, a bold determined man. By General Howe's proclamation if any one enlisted sixty men he should have a Captain's commission. A counter proclamation from the American Congress, decreed death to anyone caught enlisting for the enemy. Lounsbury was 50 or 60 years old, I believe, and bald. He came from below and a sloop was to wait for his men below Delancey's Neck and take them over to Long Island. Lounsbury told his wife to send for Joseph Purdy and tell him, he was among the rocks of Great Lot ... (Purdy came and Lounsbury sent him to such loyalists as he thought could be induced to join with him.) Purdy told the men where Lounsbury was and he persuaded them to enlist. Purdy proved a traitor and informed the principal Whigs' of M(araronedk) . . . They marched to the Great Lots before Townsend let them know where or for what they were going - - Surrounding the fastnesses where Lounsbury was concealed, they called upon him and his party to surrender. Lounsbury refused to surrender though called upon repeatedly and defended himself with a club. Orders came from the commander to bayonet him, and he was killed with seven bayonets refusing to the last to yield. They found his enlisting, orders in his pockets, and a roll of men whom they secured."

?????? Inquiries about family ancestors. Any help greatly appreciated. Your request will be published if desired.

Parents of Daniel Lounsbury, b. 1787 Connecticut, m. Catherine Lawson. (submitted by Marie Lounsbury, E. Berne, N.Y. )

Any information on an Alan Dewitt Lounsbury ( requested by John Frund)

Any information on Nathan Lounsbury b. Medusa, N.Y. ca. 1820's son of Daniel D., had sister Salina, said to have "gone west", (Gert Dennis)

George Wallace Lounsbury searching for information on his father's brother and daughters who lived in Connecticut and use to visit.